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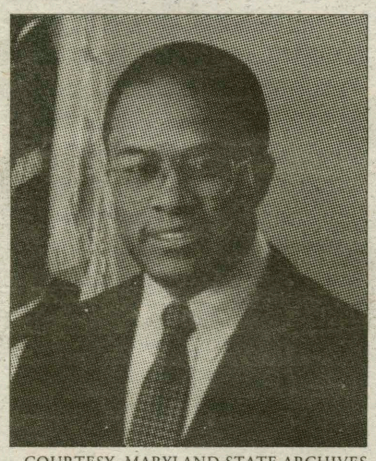
"Older than the New York Times"

Schmoke to address graduating seniors

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHEIF

Former Baltimore mayor and current dean of the Howard University School of Law Kurt Schmoke will deliver the commencement address to Hamilton's graduating seniors, the College announced this week. Schmoke was chosen by the Trustee Committee on Honorary Degrees.



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Kurk Schmoke.

"The Committee was hoping to get somebody with very broad experience who had involvement with higher education but would also bring a broad perspective to where higher education fits into American life and would be inspirational to students at commencement," Committee member and Charter Trustee Drew S. Days III '63 stated.

The Committee, composed of College trustees, current students and faculty, meets to evalu

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Comptroller Hevesi wraps up Levitt Series for the year

by Jenny Brown '07
NEWS WRITER

New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi brought economic theories outside the classroom and applied them to the real world on Wednesday evening in the Events Barn. Comptroller Hevesi, New York's chief fiscal officer, audits state wide government operations including the retirement system, debts and budgets. Hevesi concluded the Levitt Speaker Series with his lecture on state and federal debt and corruption.

"I am afraid of where the country is headed," Hevesi said about the economy. "There is a conscious effort by the new government to use debt. This is irresponsible and dangerous."

Hevesi, who has a holds a doctorate in Public Law and Government form Columbia University, described how past administrations dealt with the national deficit. The Reagan Administration used the "supply side economical theory," he said.

"This is a political theory, not an economical theory. It is ideological and unrealistic," he said. "The government reduced taxes, believing if it put money back into the people's pockets, people would spend more money and the revenues will flow."

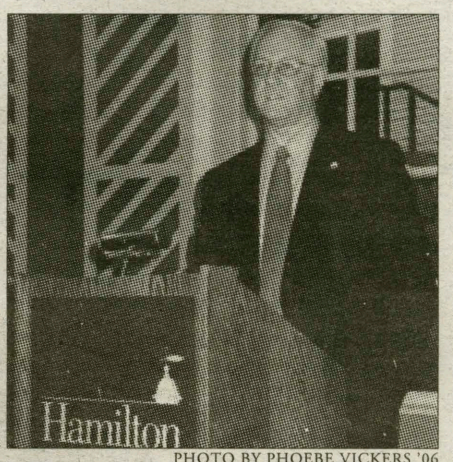

PHOTO BY PHOEBE VICKERS '06
Hevesi lectured on the dangers of state and federal debt.

"Any economist will tell you [that] this tactic will give you a kick, not a boom," he said.

"When the government massively borrowed money to reduce taxes and build the military, interest rates went up for every consumer and people did not want to buy things," he explained. "Additionally, businesses lay off workers, and unemployment rates increase."

"This created the worst recession imaginable; in 1980 there was a 900 billion debt and by 1992 it was 4.5 trillion," Hevesi added.

"Like him or hate him, Clinton and his administration took the country out of the debt, through skills or luck," Hevesi stated. He went on to describe how the Clinton administration closed the deficit by increasing taxes, enabling companies to invest more in the market. This created a great economic boom that lead to a surplus of 5.6 trillion dollars.

"But, only five years after this boom, we have an overwhelming

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AIDS Hike for Life raised over 40K

by Katie Stinchfield '07
NEWS WRITER

On Sunday April 24, over 400 people gathered in the Kirkland Glen for the 7th Annual AIDS Hike for Life, which raised over $40,500 this year. The Hike was co-sponsored by the Class of 2005 and AIDS Community Resources, a local nine-county non-profit organization. The two groups formed the Campus Planning Committee. Members included the Class of 2005 members Beth Conway, Mike Osborn, Dave Sawyer, Emily Barber, Sandy Webb and Danielle Levine, as well as Tumi Sisulu '07, Gillian Anderson, Will Murtaugh and Jeannine Murtaugh.

This year's Hike raised more money than ever before. "So far we have raised over $40,000 and more donations are still coming in." said Conway. "That is a record number, which we're all excited about. It's a great way to bring the entire community together for a great cause."

According to Associate Director of the Maurice Horowitch Career Center Jeannine Murtaugh, "despite the wet weather and mud, spirits were high and participants had a great time while raising awareness of and funds for this devastating disease."

Also according to Ms. Murtaugh, although this year the Hike surpassed its $40,000 marker, approximately 50 less people walked, mostly due to inclement weather.

"I was incredibly impressed

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ResLife coordinates efficient lottery

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS EDITOR

This year's housing lottery, while lasting a lengthy 12 hours, was conducted in the Annex with relatively few problems. It began at 9:00 a.m. this past Sunday morning and the final student chose a room close to 10:00 p.m.

According to Assistant Direct of Residential Life (Reslife) Travis Hill, who also served as the housing lottery co-coordinator along with Reslife Staff Assistant Nancy Perkins, the housing lottery "went even more smoothly than it did last year."

He felt that there were no major problems, and that the staff was able to coordinate the timing of the housing lottery much more efficiently than they have been able to in years past.

"It's hard to predict how long a particular class year will take," said Hill, referring to the time period that must be allotted for each class to select housing in accordance with their seniority.

Regardless, Hill went on to say, "it's hard to figure out what time period will be most appropriate" for each class. Last year there was not sufficient time allotted for each class and this created some problems for the housing lottery. This year more time was budgeted for each class, and as a direct result the lottery ran much more smoothly and efficiently.

This year's lottery ended up taking slightly less time than last year's did, presumably because of the extra time allotted so that mistakes and problems

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Colgate demands Greek societies sell their houses

by Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

During the housing lottery on Sunday, Hamilton students had the option of living in the newly renovated Wertimer Hall, which only ten years ago functioned as the DKE fraternity house. Meanwhile, in nearby Hamilton, NY, another DKE house was garnering attention; in this case, from a controversial Colgate University decision to incorporate Greek society housing into the residential life program at the University.

DKE is the most adamant fraternity opposing the "New Vision," a comprehensive plan inspired by the Colgate Board of Trustees when they met in the spring of 2003.

The trustees devised a plan that would include fraternity and sorority housing under the umbrella of the residential life program. The plan states that all students will live in University housing by the fall of 2005, with the exception of 250

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Students protest the sale of their fraternity house, Beta Theta Pi.

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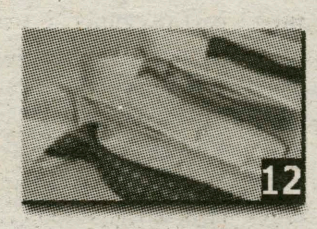

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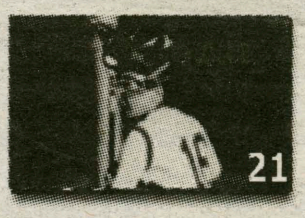

Al Ham weekend to include all-day music festival, picnic

by Alexandra Sear '05
SENIOR EDITOR

The third annual Alexander Hamilton (Al Ham) Weekend kicked off yesterday night with an indoor/outdoor pub party featuring The Square Pegs and Hamilton's own Topsy Washington. Festivities will continue throughout the weekend, with highlights including movies under the stars and an all-day music festival.

Many years ago Hamilton had a traditional spring weekend, and three years ago the Inter-Society Council (ISC) revived it. According to this year's ISC activities chair, Colby Bishop '06, "The purpose of Al-Ham weekend is to celebrate Greek Life on campus as well as to give back to the campus and community for all they do for us."

ISC sponsors the weekend as a whole and society members help at all events, but other campus groups plan select activities. This year, the Samuel Kirkland Film Society, the Varsity Streaking Team, WHCL-FM, the Independent Music Fund, the Campus Activities Board, the Class of 2008 and Student Assembly are all co-sponsoring events.

The Thursday afternoon whiffleball tournament has been rescheduled to Friday at 4:30 p.m. on the main quad, and Bishop says that the Mr. Ding-a-Ling ice cream truck will be there circling the quad and handing out free ice cream.

Friday night is the annual Greek Banquet, a dinner for society members and invited faculty, administration and staff. The Greek Banquet is the only Al Ham event restricted to society members, as Bishop says it "is one of the only times throughout the year that all Greek societies come together and celebrate Greek Life." But she adds that "We encourage all non-Greeks to please participate in all other events. Al-Ham weekend is not restricted to Greeks! It's an all campus celebration of the campus community and spring."

Later on Friday night, Samuel Kirkland Films is showing Pixar's latest movie, *The Incredibles*, outside on McEwen quad. The movie will be preceded by the encore presentation of the Streaking Team's first documentary, *Buff and Blue*, which premiered on campus this past February.

The next morning starts off bright and early with the annual Clinton Cleanup. According to Bishop, the Cleanup is "a great opportunity for us, as Hamilton students, to give back to the Clinton community as well as form a relationship with Clinton residents." Students will be cleaning up a town building in need of some work and "going to specific Clinton residents' houses to do yardwork or whatever they may need done," she said. Anyone who wants to help can meet at the Clinton Town Green at 10 a.m.

Following the cleanup, the largest event of the weekend kicks off– the second annual May Day music concert. The festival starts at 2 p.m. on Minor Field and bands will play all afternoon. Scheduled to perform are Tim Reynolds (most recently of Dave Matthews duo fame), the Virginia Coalition, Jennifer Gentle and Pharcyde. ISC is running a carnival alongside the music fest with giant inflatable bouncies, a mechical bull, sno cones and other old-school amusements.

IMF Chairman Ben Turner '05 said that last year's May Day fell during Al Ham Weekend "by chance" but that they decided to hold this year's May Day during Al Ham because "it really makes the event something for everyone, and adds to the festival atmosphere of the event." He has high hopes for this year's festival, adding that "I hope this year builds off of last year's event and helps the event to continue growing."

As an added incentive to spend Saturday afternoon hanging out on the dark side, McEwen (and not Commons) will be open for breakfast, brunch and dinner on Saturday, as well as lunch and dinner Friday night.

On Sunday, the Class of 2008, along with the Student Assembly Traditions Committee, is holding Spring on the Hill, an all-community picnic for the entire campus as well as visitors from the village of Clinton from 1 to 4 p.m.

According to Traditions Committee Chair Blythe Winchester '08, the committee's goal is to research "old events to bring back, recording and preserving existing ones, as well as creating new social functions to foster school pride and form bonds throughout the community... Spring on the Hill is really an invitation for the residents of Clinton to make their way up the hill and see what Hamilton is all about and enjoy some of our hospitality."

Action centers on the north quad, and many groups and societies are sponsoring booths and activities. Winchester described some of the things to look forward to: "Most of the Greek societies are contributing this year: ATX is doing facepainting; TKE, kickball; Gamma Xi, goldfish toss; KSA, water balloon toss; DU, football toss; KDO, flower pot painting; Alpha Chi Lambda, knock the cans and AD, soccer. There will also be performances by several a cappella groups, dance team, and a few others in addition to music and food, which will be there all day long. The traditions committee is bringing back a traditional song contest of old Hamilton songs, a pie eating contest and tug o' war!"

Spring on the Hill will take place rain or shine.

Perlstein lectures on Watts Riots, Nixon

by Emily Lemanczyk '05
FEATURES EDITOR

Described by Professor of History Maurice Isserman as the anti-Arthur Schlessinger, author Rick Perlstein presented a lecture on April 26 titled "Hell in the City of Angels: the Watts Riot of August 1965, and the End of the Liberal Consensus."

Perlstein shared the manuscript "in progress" of the prologue to his new book, a sequel to the New York Times bestseller *Before the Storm*. Perlstein explained that the sequel will be much like the original except the red-thread, or the "anti-red thread," of this book will be the story of Richard Nixon. The book, Perlstein explained, will not really be about Nixon as much as how the events during and surrounding his political career changed American history.

Perlstein claimed to be inspired to write a book about Nixon after he was assigned by Slate magazine to review the Nixon Watergate manuscripts in 1996 and 1997.

"The tapes didn't really read like a conspiracy," he said. "These people really believed that they were saving humanity," he explained mockingly.

Perlstein said he was truly captivated by the idea that Nixon was not only handed a landslide majority election after Watergate broke, but that he also was "articulating the American public's ideas in his ideas." Perlstein explained how he hoped to tell the story of the "silent majority" of the 60's in his new book.

In his manuscript, Perstein describes the events leading up to the infamous Watts Riots, the worst case of urban violence in American history, which took place in Los Angeles in 1965. He discussed the complexity of such an event; as it was shown live onto local and subsequently national television for four days straight, it had a serious impact on both public opinion and American politics. The violence shown was "raw and ubiquitous," and was unlike anything the American public had ever seen before.

Perlstein set the violence in a historical context, describing in depth LBJ's liberal reform of the mid-1960's. Although it appeared that the United States had reached a "liberal consensus," and that the United States was simply a "debating society of democrats" during this era, Perlstein explained the serious political and social issues brewing underneath the surface.

Rising racial tensions and growing animosity towards the war in Vietnam were brewing. Major media, as well as the federal government, were failing to address these issues; this according to Perlstein only added fuel to the growing fire against American liberalism and the perceived political "consensus."

During this time of increasing violence, Johnson's political star was beginning to fall, and Richard Nixon was on the rise. There was a change in public opinion, and a new "silent majority" was gaining in size and strength.

Perlstein finished his reading by describing the desperation Nixon had to obtain political power and become the leader of the free world, setting the rest of the book up to focus on Nixon's political career.

Perlstein earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Chicago. His articles and criticism have appeared in *The Nation*, *The New York Observer*, *The New York Times* and Slate. He most recently covered the 2004 presidential campaign for *The Village Voice*. His lecture was sponsored by the Departments of History and American Studies.

Hevesy lecture applies economic theories to real world

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debt," Hevesi said. Since Clinton, the Bush administration accumulated a 5 trillion dollar deficit. Hevesi attributed the debt to the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and against terrorism, and also to the reduction in taxes.

"If you cut taxes, you have to reduce spending, it is about responsibility," Hevesi said. "Borrowing money and creating a deficit is politically easy and good in the short-term, but it is irresponsible and creates huge problems. Deficits must be closed to make businesses grow."

The Comptroller used Jamestown, New York as an example case of fighting debt. He said it was a rich town with a large per-capita income, yet it went into bankruptcy during the economic boom. The local government brought the town out of debt by raising taxes, cutting programs, fighting with unions and calling for reassessments of property, forcing people to pay larger assessments.

"This repaired the economic damages that the irresponsibility caused," Hevesi said.

Economics Professor Ann Owen, who is also the Levitt Center Director, said she enjoyed Hevesi's debt discussion. "I hope that students will now recognize that the theories we discuss in class are actually applied to the real world," Owen commented.

Hevesi also discussed corruption and corporate scandals. He said that he advocates more control over federal operations and the public authorities.

"Every state agency that has contracts with vendors must come to my office," Hevesi explained. "If we find the vendor is a crook we kill that contract."

However, "no one checks the vendors for federal agencies," Hevesi said, "These agencies can work with crook vendors."

"Nobody controls the public authorities, and though some are well run, others are corrupt," Hevesi added.

For example, he went on to mention that this corruption was responsible for scandals like Enron that caused many people to lose jobs, money and pensions.

"People do not realize the impact of corporate scandals in the economy. If you do not monitor government agencies or school districts then you will have scandals," Hevesi said. He added that every local and federal economy affects each other.

"We have to have some regulatory system on the federal level that will prosecute the bad guys, and replace them with honest people," Hevesi said.

"Debt and corruption are serious stuff," Hevesi concluded. "Failure to oversee the government and regulate industry is a killer for the economy in the long-term; this applies on the state level and the federal level."

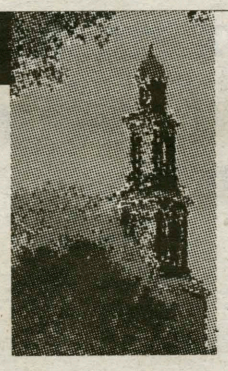
Hevesi was elected New York State Comptroller in 2002. According to his website, www.alanhevesi.com, he has proposed and achieved pension reform packages that saved local governments one billion dollars and strengthened the pension fund. He also established a Division of Investigation that uncovers fraud and corruption in school districts state-wide.

The website also states that Hevesi boosted upstate New York's economy by funding private equity programs that aimed to invest in New York businesses. The website also noted that he will continue to work toward fundamental reform and increasing the accountability of all public authorities.

Hevesi, a father of three who currently resides in Queens with his wife, was asked to speak in the Levitt Series because he has both policy experience and academic credentials, according to Owen.

According to the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, their lecture series aims to engage students in public policy and become involved in public affairs. The series' theme this academic year was "U.S. Budget: Power, Politics and Priorities".

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Texas A&M Researchers Clone Horse

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) -- A team of French and American researchers has successfully cloned a horse, Texas A&M University officials announced Wednesday. The foal was named Paris Texas.

The university believes it's the first successful cloned horse in North America; horses have previously been cloned in Italy.

"Look at him, he's gorgeous," Katrin Hinrichs, the lead scientist on the project said just before the six-week-old, light brown foal made his public debut. He whinnied and walked up to several photographers who snapped his picture.

"He's very bold," said Hinrichs, a professor at Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine. She also heads the school's Equine Embryo Laboratory.

A&M researchers used adult horse skin cells biopsied from a valuable horse in Europe to clone the foal, born March 13. The process took 400 attempts over a four-month period.

Six embryos were created but only one was successfully gestated in a host horse named Greta during a pregnancy that lasted 12 1/2 months. Horses usually have an 11-month gestation.

Cryozootech, A&M's Paris-based partner, is dedicated to preserving the genes of exceptional horses for their use in producing cloned offspring, though there are no guarantees Paris Texas will turn out exactly the same as the donor horse.

The first cloned cat was born at the school Dec. 22, 2001. Since then, the university has cloned several litters of pigs, a Boer goat, a disease-resistant Angus bull, the first Brahma bull and a deer.

Yale Taps 'Handsome' Bulldog As New Mascot

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) -- For a bulldog, it doesn't get any bigger than this. Mugsy, a 2-year-old male from Hamden, was selected Tuesday as Yale University's newest mascot, a lifetime appointment to the oldest mascot club in the country.

He will take the name Handsome Dan, a title that has been bestowed upon 15 previous bulldogs in the past 116 years.

Previous Handsome Dans have created quite a legacy: One inspired a Cole Porter song. Another graced the cover of Sports Illustrated. Nearly all have hobnobbed with politicians. One performed for President George H.W. Bush, a Yale alum, playing dead at the question, "Would you rather go to Harvard or die?"

Mugsy outperformed nine other would-be mascots Tuesday in a competition that had the dogs strut in front of a blaring band, tackle a stuffed Princeton tiger, and maul a Harvard crimson blanket.

Some were ruled too chubby. Others too timid. A panel of judges found Mugsy athletic enough to carry one of the most storied monikers in sports.

"It's folklore. It's pride. It's tradition," said Roy E. Yarbrough, a school mascot historian in Pennsylvania. "Yale has a leg up on everybody."

Students Accused of Piracy Won't Be ID'd

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) -- A federal magistrate has ruled that two North Carolina universities do not have to reveal the identities of two students accused of sharing copyrighted music on the Internet.

The music industry trade group, the Recording Industry Association of America, filed subpoenas in November 2003 asking for help identifying a North Carolina State University student who used the name "CadillacMan" and a University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill student who used the name "hulk." The students allegedly file-swapped songs using the universities' computer systems.

Both schools initially were willing to cooperate, but later joined attorneys for the students in opposing the request, U.S. Magistrate Judge Russell A. Eliason wrote in his order, which was filed earlier this month.

An attorney representing "Jane Doe," the University of North Carolina student, said he was not concerned about allegations of music piracy but whether identifying her would violate privacy rights.

WORLD NEWS

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Iraqi Parliament OKs Elected Government

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) -- Iraq's National Assembly on Thursday approved the country's first democratically elected government, a Shiite-dominated body that excludes the Sunni minority from meaningful positions and could hamper efforts to dampen the deadly insurgency.

Two of the four deputy prime minister's slots remained vacant, however, and five ministries, including the important defense and oil slots, were left in the hands of temporary managers.

The outcome also signaled another surprising political comeback for Ahmad Chalabi, the one-time Pentagon favorite who later fell from grace over accusations he leaked intelligence to Iran and gave flawed evidence that Saddam Hussein was hoarding weapons of mass destruction.

Chalabi, a Shiite, will serve as deputy prime minister and acting oil minister. His nephew, Ali Abdel-Amir Allawi, was appointed finance minister.

Incoming Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari hailed the new Cabinet as "the first step in building the new Iraq." While the country faces significant hurdles, he said Iraqis who "challenged tyranny" by electing a new parliament in January "will help this government to succeed and will not be intimidated."

However, Sunni leaders, including Deputy President Ghazi al-Yawer, expressed disappointment with the lineup.

"The number of ministries given to the Sunnis is not enough," al-Yawer told reporters. But he said the issue could be resolved soon as Iraq continues its transition to democracy, including electing a new government by year's end.

The primary goal of this first elected government will be to write a permanent constitution by mid-August. It must be submited submitted to a referendum no later than Oct. 15. If the constitution is approved, elections for a permanent government must be held by Dec. 15.

Jury Returns Death Sentence in GI Killings

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) -- A military jury sentenced a soldier to death Thursday for a grenade and rifle attack on his own comrades during the opening days of the Iraq invasion, a barrage that killed two officers and that prosecutors said was driven by religious extremism.

Sgt. Hasan Akbar, who gave a brief, barely audible apology hours earlier, stood at attention between his lawyers as the verdict was delivered. He showed no emotion.

He could have been sentenced to life in prison with or without parole for the early morning March 2003 attack, which also wounded 14 fellow members of the Army's 101st Airborne Division at Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait.

The 15-person military jury, which last week took just two and a half hours to convict Akbar of premeditated murder and attempted premeditated murder, deliberated for about seven hours in the sentencing phase. After jurors reached a verdict, they voted on whether to reconsider the decision after one juror asked that they do so.

The sentence will be reviewed by a commanding officer and automatically appealed. If Akbar is executed, it would be by lethal injection.

"I want to apologize for the attack that occurred. I felt that my life was in jeopardy, and I had no other options. I also want to ask you for forgiveness," Akbar told the jury before it deliberated in the sentencing phase.

Akbar, 34, spoke for less than a minute, delivering an unsworn statement that could not be cross-examined. He spoke in such a low voice that even prosecutors sitting nearby had trouble hearing, with one lawyer even cupping his ear.

While the defense contends Akbar was too mentally ill to plan the attack, they have never disputed that he threw grenades into troop tents in the early morning darkness and then fired on soldiers in the ensuing chaos. Army Capt. Chris Seifert, 27, and Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone, 40, were killed.

Prosecutors say Akbar launched the attack at his camp - days before the soldiers were to move into Iraq - because he was concerned about U.S. troops killing fellow Muslims in the Iraq war.

"He is a hate-filled, ideologically driven murderer," chief prosecutor Lt. Col. Michael Mulligan said. He added that Akbar wrote in his diary in 1997, "My life will not be complete unless America is destroyed."

Akbar is the first American since the Vietnam era to be prosecuted on charges of murdering a fellow soldier during wartime.

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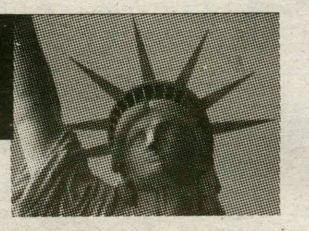

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Wiretaps in U.S. Jump 19 Percent in 2004

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The number of court-authorized wiretaps jumped 19 percent last year as investigators pursued drug and other cases against increasingly tech-savvy suspects. Every surveillance request made by authorities was granted.

Federal and state judges approved 1,710 applications for wiretaps of wire, oral or electronic communications last year, and four states - New York, California, New Jersey and Florida - accounted for three of every four surveillance orders, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. That agency is required to collect the figures and report them to Congress.

The numbers, released Thursday, do not include court orders for terror-related investigations under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, known as FISA, which reached a record 1,754 warrants last year, according to the Justice Department.

In non-terrorist criminal investigations, federally approved wiretaps increased 26 percent in a year, to 730 applications, while state judges approved 980 wiretaps, an increase of 13 percent.

Timothy Edgar, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said traditional law enforcement work is catching up with increases in anti-terror wiretaps.

"We're still seeing a huge trend toward increased surveillance," said Edgar.

Officials said most of the applications, some 1,308, were for drug investigations, while racketeering or gambling wiretaps accounted for a combined 128 wiretaps around the country.

Homicides and assaults produced 48 wiretap orders.

Some 1,507 wiretaps - or about nine out of every ten - targeted portable devices, such as cell phones and pagers.

By the end of the year, the surveillance had generated 4,506 arrests and 634 convictions based on wiretap evidence.

Federal and state judges are required to file a written report about each application within 30 days of the expiration of the court order.

Between 1994 and 2004, the number of wiretap authorizations have increased 48 percent, according to the report.

In 2004, New York reported 347 wiretaps, California 180, New Jersey 144, and Florida 72 authorizations.

While judges authorized more wiretaps, the average length of time in which a wiretap could occur decreased in 2004 from 44 to 43 days.

Fla. Court Refuses to Hear Limbaugh Appeal

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) -- The Florida Supreme Court on Thursday declined to consider an appeal from commentator Rush Limbaugh claiming his privacy was violated when his medical records were seized for an investigation of whether he illegally purchased painkillers.

The 4-3 order did not explain the court's reasoning.

Limbaugh's attorney had also objected to the use of search warrants to obtain the medical records in 2003. The documents have remain sealed, pending the outcome of Limbaugh's appeals.

A prosecution spokesman declined to say when his office might begin reviewing the records.

The court said it would not consider any motions for a review of the order, so it was unclear whether Limbaugh has any further legal recourse to stop the investigation.

Limbaugh took a break from his radio show Thursday for a doctor's appointment and did not comment on the ruling. The show has 20 million listeners a week, and is heard on nearly 600 radio stations.

"He has not been charged with a crime, and he should not be charged. His medical records will show that he received legitimate medical treatment for legitimate medical reasons," Limbaugh's attorney, Roy Black, said in a statement.

Prosecutors seized the records after learning that Limbaugh had received about 2,000 painkillers, prescribed by four doctors over six months, at a pharmacy near his oceanfront mansion in Palm Beach.

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students who are granted the ability to live off-campus. A Broad Street Community Council was created to work on a plan of action for developing the street for student housing, which will be home to ten Greek-letter houses, seven theme houses and 13 townhouses.

"The decision signaled a moral and educational commitment to better provide for the safety of Colgate students and to safeguard the integrity of their Colgate education," said Colgate President Rebecca Chopp in a letter to students two weeks ago.

Chopp cited the positive contributions of Greek societies to Colgate (philanthropy, social options, self-governance), but expressed dismay that other events have overshadowed the Greek commitment to Colgate.

"The history of disciplinary problems showed a pattern of behavior that included repeated alcohol abuse, violent fighting, sexual assault, hazing, and in one tragic case the deaths of four young people and the arrest and incarceration of a fifth" she wrote.

Around the Colgate campus, there are mixed feelings about the implementation of University control over Greek-letter houses. Freedom of Association Coalition for Truth (FACT) was started by Colgate senior Sean Devlin '05, a DKE brother, to protest the efforts of the University and protect the rights of students.

The organization opposes "Colgate University's stated willingness to violate students' First Amendment freedom of assembly rights and Colgate's underhanded violation of private property rights in taking the Greek houses" according to their mission statement on www.colgate-fact.org.

Over 350 students attended a FACT-sponsored rally on the lawn of the DKE house on April 12. In addition, signs began popping up in front of fraternity houses reading "For Sale, Cost: Colgate as You Know It" and "For Sale, Cost: 150 Years of Tradition."

The loss of fraternity-owned houses could have an impact on the community as well. The University operates under a non-profit status.

"The Greek organizations do not have this status, and therefore they pay a large amount of property tax to the town," said Matt Kroll '07, a member of Delta Upsilon and the Student Government Association and Inter-Fraternity Council executive boards. "When the University takes them over, the town will lose all of these tax dollars."

Colgate University could also face backlash from alumni donors.

"As a result of all of this, many Colgate students, including myself, are pledging never to donate money to Colgate University," said Kroll. "One alumnus pulled out a $10 million endowment he had already set aside for Colgate. The University is seriously under-endowed, and this problem will only be magnified."

There's a more positive side to University ownership for Theta Chi and the other societies at Colgate, according to Charlie Liebshutz '06. Liebshutz is the undergraduate president of the Theta Chi chapter at Colgate and lives in their fraternity house on Broad Street. The 150-year old Theta Chi house needs many improvements that the society cannot afford, but the University is investing at least $1 million into upgrading the historic building.

Profits from the sale will directly benefit undergraduates and alumni in Theta Chi.

The University has mandated that all societies must transfer ownership of their houses to Colgate if they wish to be recognized as an organization; this is another factor that has influenced Greek acceptance of the program.

"Initially, most undergraduates were very much opposed to the idea," said Liebshutz. "The real deciding factor was that any house that refused to sell would no longer be recognized on this campus. Most organizations would rather continue to have a presence here at Colgate than retain ownership of the house."

The switch to University control over Greek letter housing is not unfamiliar to Hamilton alumni; a similar change took place ten years ago on the Hill. Seven private societies had chapter houses at Hamilton, but a new residential life program in 1995 mandated the sale of the houses to the College for student housing. The controversial decision created a rift among fraternity alumni and the College, but eventually all of the societies agreed to sell. Sigma Chi transferred ownership of their house (located next to Burke Library) in the spring of 2003; it was the last of the fraternities to do so. Today, renovated fraternity houses are some of the most popular housing options on campus, including Eells, Woollcott, and Ferguson.

Hike raises money for local research, programs

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by the number of people at the event, especially Hamilton students," said Conway. "The weather was miserable and it was on the day of the housing lottery, so I was amazed at how many kids made it out."

Students, faculty and community members formed small teams to participate in the annual Hike. Others chose to hike for themselves. "Our team was small but great," said Conway, who walked with a group formed by the Class of 2005. "Many teams participated, which created a great atmosphere, even with the rainy and cold weather."

According to Jeannine Murtaugh, "The AIDS Hike for Life Campus Planning Committee would like to thank all the members of the Hamilton community who helped make the 7th annual AIDS Hike for Life such a wonderful success."

Conway added, "It was a great success and I'm so happy that we are able to host such an amazing event on our campus."

Money raised by this year's AIDS Hike for Life will benefit AIDS Community Research, and will be directed towards local efforts in the Mohawk Valley. Much of the funds will go to the Teen AIDS Task Force Program and Client Support services for people affected with HIV/AIDS.

"Our motto this year was 'Every Step Makes a Difference' and I would like everyone to know that every step they made for the AIDS Hike for Life does make a difference in the lives of those affected by HIV/AIDS," said Jeannine Murtaugh.

"Did you know that New York State has the highest number of reported AIDS cases in the US? If we don't do something to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS, we may very well be facing the epidemic proportions so many other countries currently are," she stated.

Anyone who raised funds for the AIDS Hike for Life but was unable to attend may drop their donations off at the Career Center or may mail checks to AIDS Community Resources at 401 Columbia Street, Utica, New York, 13502. The Hike's Campus Planning Committee hopes to continue to collect between $2,000 and $3,000.

Wertimer house opens as new housing option

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were avoided.

There were, however, several changes made in housing options for this year's housing lottery.

The Wertimer House, formerly the DKE House, was a newly available housing option in this year's housing lottery. Hill noted that it was "newly renovated" so that the "size is going to be about doubled."

The basement of Dunham is also going to be renovated over the summer and turned into all freshmen housing for the incoming class in the fall.

Also, North will no longer be substance free housing and Wolcott will take its place. The third floor of Macintosh was also added to the available substance free housing.

According to Hill, a few more changes may be in store for next year, including more substance free housing due to an increased demand for it as well as the possibility of freshmen housing.

The time and dedication of a vast number of people went into coordinating, planning and carrying out this year's housing lottery. The housing lottery itself was staffed by the ResLife staff, who was there the entire day, as well as the vast majority of current and future R.A.s. Also involved in the lottery were the audio-visual staff and techcrew, who helped broadcast the lottery; as well as the ResLife student interns.

"I'm very proud of the job that everybody did, and the hours and dedication," said Hill. "This is not a process where everyone's going to be happy, but if we can at least run the most fair and smooth process that we can than at least that's a success.

Schmoke chosen for "impressive life achievements"

*from **Schmoke**, page 1*

ate candidates.

"There's no particular formula we use," Days said. "Excellence, obviously, is a standard that we apply across the board, and we're concerned with people who would be responsive to Hamilton, the Hamilton student body and the community generally."

The commencement speaker and honorary degree recipients are chosen from a list compiled over several years, according to Days.

Schmoke served three consecutive four-year terms as mayor of Baltimore, leading the city from 1988 until 1999, and has been noted for his education, housing, public health and economic development initiatives. Schmoke received national acclaim for his work in these areas.

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush awarded Schmoke the national Literacy Award for promoting adult literacy. Two years later, President Bill Clinton praised the mayor's programs to improve public housing and community economic development. The Clinton Administration designated Baltimore as one of six Empowerment Zone cities in 1994.

Schmoke's tenure as mayor was not without controversy. Soon after being elected to his first term in 1988, he was attacked for his critique of existing drug policies.

Yale's Alumni Magazine quoted him in 2000 as describing his stance as calling for "a more balanced program that looked at addiction as a disease, not just a crime. I said the war on drugs should be primarily a public health war, rather than a criminal justice war."

According to the Alumni Magazine, conservatives in Congress accused Schmoke of attempting to legalize drugs. They quote Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) as calling the mayor "the most dangerous man in America."

Schmoke told the Alumni Magazine that the experience taught him a lesson about politics. The mayor proceeded to enact policies to combat the city's drug problem by placing a greater emphasis on public health programs and starting a needle-exchange program.

Prior to his tenure as mayor of Baltimore, Schmoke served as Maryland's State Attorney from 1982 until 1987 and as assistant director of President Jimmy Carter's White House domestic policy staff.

Schmoke earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1971, attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and earned a law degree from Harvard University in 1976. He was appointed dean of the Howard University School of Law and assumed that position on January 1, 2003.

In 1989, Schmoke was appointed as a fellow of the Yale Corporation, the governing body of the university, equivalent to Hamilton's Board of Trustees. According to Days, Schmoke served as senior fellow, a position equivalent to chairman of the board.

According to Days, the Committee chose Schmoke because of his impressive life achievements.

"He was a very successful undergraduate at Yale, a Rhodes Scholar and a person trained at Harvard Law School. He has gone on to achieve great things in politics and in law, and his agreeing to assume the deanship of Howard Law School really puts him in a line of very impressive people," he stated. "For all those reasons, we thought he would bring a special message to commencement."

In addition to the commencement speaker, Hamilton awards numerous honorary degrees at graduation. These recipients are chosen by the same committee.

"We look for a sense of balance among the people that would be getting honorary degrees at any particular commencement," Days said. "So, it might be someone from the arts, someone from political life or some other area."

Hamilton's 193rd commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m. on the main quadrangle. According to Hamilton's Office of Media Relations, approximately 430 students will receive bachelor's degrees at the ceremony.

Past commencement speakers have included Delaware Congressman Mike Castle '61 in 2004; PBS news anchor Jim Lehrer in 2003; former EPA Administrator and New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman in 2002; and Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack '72 in 2001.

A call placed to Schmoke's office was not returned Thursday.

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"Older than the New York Times"

For the past three years, the Inter-Society Council has sponsored Al Ham Weekend towards the end of academic year. This year's festivities include a whiffleball tournament; Topsy Washington and the Square Pegs in the Pub; the Greek Banquet; a Clinton cleanup day; and a carnival to go along with the May Day concerts on Saturday. For the past two years, Al Ham Weekend has been a positive experience for Greeks and non-Greeks. We expect this year's weekend to be no different.

Al Ham Weekend is a great opportunity for Hamilton's hundreds of Greek students to show that being in a fraternity or a sorority at Hamilton is more than what Greek-life detractors often make it out to be. The Weekend's itinerary encompasses much of what characterizes Greeks on the Hill: social events, community service, community entertainment and community building. For those Hamiltonians whose only interaction with Greeks is at a keg on Saturday night, we encourage you to go out and take advantage of the opportunities provided the entire campus over the next three days.

This year, we are encouraged that so many other organizations have agreed to cosponsor events with the ISC. The Samuel Kirkland Film Society, the Varsity Streaking Team, WHCL-FM, the Independent Music Fund (IMF), the Campus Activities Board (CAB), Student Assembly and the Class of 2008 have all helped organize and plan events for the weekend. Seeing so many different aspects of the Hamilton community come together is extraordinarily encouraging. We hope that it will signal a period of continued cooperation and collaboration between Hamiltonians from all areas of campus.

As for Greeks, hopefully skeptical members of the community will see a new side to their classmates and pupils. We encourage faculty, staff and administrators to go out and enjoy the events ISC has planned and to bring their families, especially to the Clinton Cleanup and to Sunday's Spring on the Hill. This weekend can serve as an effective mechanism to bridge the gap between all students, Greeks and non-Greeks, and the faculty and administration. It is important to remember that all of us, regardless of affiliation, are members of the same community and have the same interests at heart.

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Peace talks with Clinton: Al Ham 2005

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

Beach balls. Everywhere. Free beach balls. And absolutely nothing and no one to stop me from taking as many as I could fit into my tiny little arms and rush back to store in my closet.

Certainly, the time will come when it will be imperative that I have them.

Yes, friends, it's *A*l Ham Weekend, the springtime weekend that serves to unite the campus and the Clintonites, gets us to do some good in the community, gives people an excuse to not do their work, get out an enjoy some fun and sun and acknowledge that we are all completely screwed over come next week. Most importantly, it reminds us all that there are Greeks and freshmen on this campus, as if we 1) forgot, and 2) cared.

But hey, they have money, and they do know how to throw a party, which is a great combination. While that doesn't make up for the fact that we have to deal with them all year long, Al Ham weekend is pretty sweet.

It's a tradition that dates back all the way to a couple years ago when the town-gown relations between Hamilton and Clinton were not what you would call...well...good. Hamilton students were shocked and saddened to learn that Clinton, like all other college towns, hated the college students. Which is odd because obviously we are the ones that make it possible for them to have jobs (and by extension, exist), so they should have had way more respect for us in the first place.

Seriously though, it may or may not have had something to do with the fact that Hamilton students were loud, drunk and on the weekends treated downtown Clinton like it was an extension of Bundy Dining Hall (not good). We Hamilton students, being the needy type of people that seek attention and approval from everyone, sought to immediately fix the problem not by being...you know... nicer, but instead by throwing a picnic.

Because picnics have always solved some of the worlds greatest problems.

Like the Spanish-American War.

Ole.

However, ever since the inception of Al Ham Weekend (and its partner in crime, Fall-Fest which occurs in the...well...fall) you don't hear as much about negative town-gown relations. Either that, or I stopped listening. Or caring. Or both. But it does show that maybe Hamilton kids are not the stuck up brats they are sometimes mistaken to be. Because it's the thought that counts, an events like Al Ham weekend are a decently legitimate way to try to mend the years of resentment, hostility and warfare.

Yes. Warfare.

What did you think those cannons by North were for? Clinton ass-kicking, of course.

So see, you give a little, you get a little. Be nice to the kid getting his face painted at Hamilton, and his parents probably won't try to run you over outside of CVS. Ask Grande's nicely to cut their pizza normally (yeah, like triangles), and they'll probably do it. We may never be able to live in complete harmony, but if we try, we can maybe find a way to co-exist.

Summer Fever outbreak on the Hill: know the symptoms

by Whitney Kimmel '08
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

The Health Center might not realize this, but there are a few sure signs to keep in mind when wondering if you have Summer Fever.

Note: this is not the same thing as Spring Fever. The condition in question is highly contagious. In rare cases it has been reported to last from the start of the second term until school's completion in May and comes with a variety of emotional and physical conditions associated with the impending approach of the end of spring semester.

Although most emotional symptoms vary depending on the infected student's year, the majority of students suffer from the following: extreme amounts of work, including term papers, research projects and final exam preparation anxiety. I understand the temptation to give up or "accidentally loose one of your assignments on the damn SSS" - but I assure you, this will not solve the problem. Chances are your professor won't believe you any way (I heard that they attend a mandatory seminar at the end of the year, much like the DUI briefing we are being 'encouraged' to attend, explaining what symptoms to be on the look-out for).

Younger students may experience excitement, the inability to contain themselves from explaining - in great depth - EXACTLY what they will be doing over the summer (including all the grudge work they're looking forward to doing at their really awesome, unpaid internship), excessive fidgeting during class and uncertainty about how they will ever manage to get all their beloved dorm effects home without the precious SUV they had to return home when Campus Safety discovered it hiding in North Lot after the snow melted. Bummer, I know. In some cases they may also exhibit early signs of separation anxiety from the thought of having to leave their new friends and ... oh God ... their graduating senior idols.

As a victim of this particular strain of Summer Fever, rest assured, you're not alone if you find yourself checking off these symptoms in your head. Even today I found myself trying to come up with legitimate excuses to miss my 9:00 o'clock class (crash and burn. We were presenting rough drafts of our final papers) and rambling to the occasional inquirer about how excited I am about my summer plans. I know ... they're sorry they asked.

Older students however, have it much worse. They encounter emotional highs and lows: anxiety (welcome to the real world), excitement (... welcome to the real world), regret (last weekend really WOULD have been a good time to work on that thesis), confidence (Senior Week is going to be a blast) and denial ("I'm living in Babbit next year too! ... oh wait). Depending on how lucky a particular senior was when securing future jobs or graduate school acceptances, he or she might attempt to end school early. Work stops. Classes are forgotten. Mom has notified Uncle Richard that graduation is May 2nd.

So while it may seem a little premature to be discussing the end of the year already there's no question that finals are swiftly approaching, Al Ham weekend is here already and people on my hall have already begun packing up their rooms.

If you're suffering from Summer Fever, have no fear - chances are - your roommate is too. There's no real cure for it. Summer isn't getting here any faster and when it does, you'll either wish you were back or it'll be over too quickly. Once the seniors leave, no matter how much we want them too ... they still aren't coming back next year. Professors don't understand the deep emotional and physical disturbances associated with this particular illness and will not be canceling your final exams to aid rehabilitation. But the sun is out and the snow is gone and there's no question: summer is a lot closer than we'd all like to think.

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-The baseball team: four hits last game...too bad they were all directed toward our Thumbs Up writer.

-Caesar: a good leader and what a great salad dressing!

-Rectal exams: sometimes they can be a pleasant surprise.

Thumbs down

- Womyn using their energy to pour salad dressing in our Thumbs Up writer's shoes instead of baking him a cake.

-Where am I going to get my ether now?

-$40 senior formal tickets: I can get a whole season of *Mad About You* reruns with that.

-Brutus: why'd you have to go kill a good leader like that? Ass.

by Chris Takacs '05, Jon Kuhl '06, Brit Chase '05, Alison Kerbel '05, Whit Kimmel '08, Emily Lemanczyk '05, Whit Rothe '05

Who cares?

-The baseball team. Beat that. Actually...please don't.

-Speech impediments

-Housing lottery...if you're a senior! Suck on that, bitches!

-Masturbating to *Mad About You* reruns

-Seniors getting jobs: enjoy the real world, you poor defenseless tools.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I must, with all due respect, speak against the mandatory assembly for all students who would like to have the privilege of parking on campus next year. I spent three years as a volunteer firefighter in Connecticut; I have seen firsthand the consequences of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and other drugs. I have no problem bringing speakers to campus to highlight these dangers. In fact, I agree that parking on a pedestrian campus is a privilege and the College probably should have required presentations like the one on Tuesday.

My disagreement is with the choice of speaker. Late last semester many on the hill criticized the hiring of Susan Rosenberg to teach a 1/2 credit course. Among the chief arguments against bringing Ms. Rosenberg to campus was her criminal background. She was suspected but never prosecuted in connection with an incident (the botched Brink's armored car robbery) that left three people dead. One lead argument against her appearance related to these murders.

Why must I bring up Rosenberg again? It must be because the number three is largely significant. Three people died on a street in Rockland County, New York in 1981. Three people died in a car in Lee County, Florida in 1994. Susan Rosenberg was never prosecuted; Mark Sterner was convicted. Rosenberg was pardoned for her other crimes; Sterner remains a convicted felon and on probation.

Yes, I said on probation. That's because Mr. Sterner's remorse gave him a ridiculously light sentence for three counts of vehicular homicide, one in which he served two years in Lee County Jail. According to the Charleston (WV) Daily Mail, the maximum sentence for Sterner's crimes in Florida was forty-five years. The judge effectively gave Sterner forty-three years of relative freedom that he did not deserve. In fact, had Sterner killed his friends in Rhode Island where he attended school, he might never have gotten out of the Adult Corrections Institute in Cranston because Rhode Island law doesn't really differentiate between intentional and unintentional homicide. With an unfriendly judge and consecutive sentencing, he could have ninety years.

One can argue that Sterner has done good work since his release, paying his debt to society by talking to young people like us. He has told his story all across the country, ostensibly to keep one of us from making the same mistake he did: operate a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.17. Operate a motor vehicle after using designated drivers all week, when he should have known that he could kill someone. Careful readers of my last paragraph noticed the "ostensibly;" I don't trust Mark Sterner very much- why should I, he killed three people. Maybe his remorse is genuine, but that's irrelevant as long he profits off of his crime. Sterner works under a company called Campus Speak; it's a booking and marketing agency for motivational speakers. When I contacted Campus Speak, all they could tell me was that the College pays "an agreed upon contract fee based on overall circumstances." The promotional materials for Sterner say that instead of being the first in his family to graduate from college, he wound up as the first to go to prison. I'd be very interested to see how much money Sterner makes each year on the speaking circuit. Because as a professor told me last week, Sterner's killing his three friends gave him a career.

I will attend Mr. Sterner's lecture because the College has pinned its students into watching a convicted felon who should still be wearing an orange prison jumpsuit around the clock make a living wage wearing one on stage. I just hope that next year, this College will instead choose to bring a grieving parent on behalf by Mothers Against Drunk Driving instead of a man who, I insist, got off easy.

Niels Lesniewski '07

Dear Editors of *The Spectator*,

I would like to publicly comment on the current advertising methods used by some groups on campus to promote their events. As a member of the Hamilton Environmental Action Group and as a concerned friend of our Earth, I was disappointed by the beach-ball campaign which showered our campus in the early hours of Thursday, April 28th, the second to last day of Green Week. These inflatable balls are made of thick plastic and blow around easily, especially on a windy day in April, and I would not be surprised to find that some of them had made their way down the creek and into the glen. Luckily, the daycare children picked up most of them on their walk this morning; these children should serve as an example, not only in their youthful enthusiasm, which I'm sure the Al-Ham beach balls were meant to promote, but also in their wisdom. Please, if you find punctured balls, or any other plastic/paper debris, pick it up. The beauty and cleanliness o f our campus, one aspect which we were trying to emphasize during our celebration of Green Week, has been comprimised by needless advertising campaigns, including excessive paper signage. I hope that in the future, groups may become less reliant on physical paper and plastic reminders of events taking place in our small community, and make more use of electronic and word-of-mouth advertising. Thank you.

-Aletha Asay '05

The perils of the housing lottery: one Freshman's story

by Melissa Kong '08
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRIER

I was dragged out of bed at 8:45 this past Sunday morning- SUNDAY morning. It wasn't pretty. That was the beginning of ten stressful hours. If you go to Hamilton, you know what I am talking about: the glorious Housing Lottery. I started off by almost getting pulled into a double in Ferguson. But when that didn't work out, I ended up in pretty much a downward spiral, leading to the possibility of having to make the most difficult choice ever: Bundy East or West. Exciting decision, really.

There was a lot going through my mind during those 10 hours; I wondered where all of my friends would be living, whether I could get pulled into a nice quad somewhere at the last minute, and how I would even attempt getting out of bed and going to my classes if I lived more than-- gasp-- 200 feet from the building I needed to get to.

Watching others stress out didn't help much either. People were yelling profanities left and right. Kirkland closed off before the end of the rising junior class; that's when I KNEW my options were getting worse. I feel particularly bad for all the males on this campus who aren't in fraternities. I think every dorm other than Minor and Keehn was closed off to them by the time they got up to the 200's in the rising junior class. Sorry, boys.

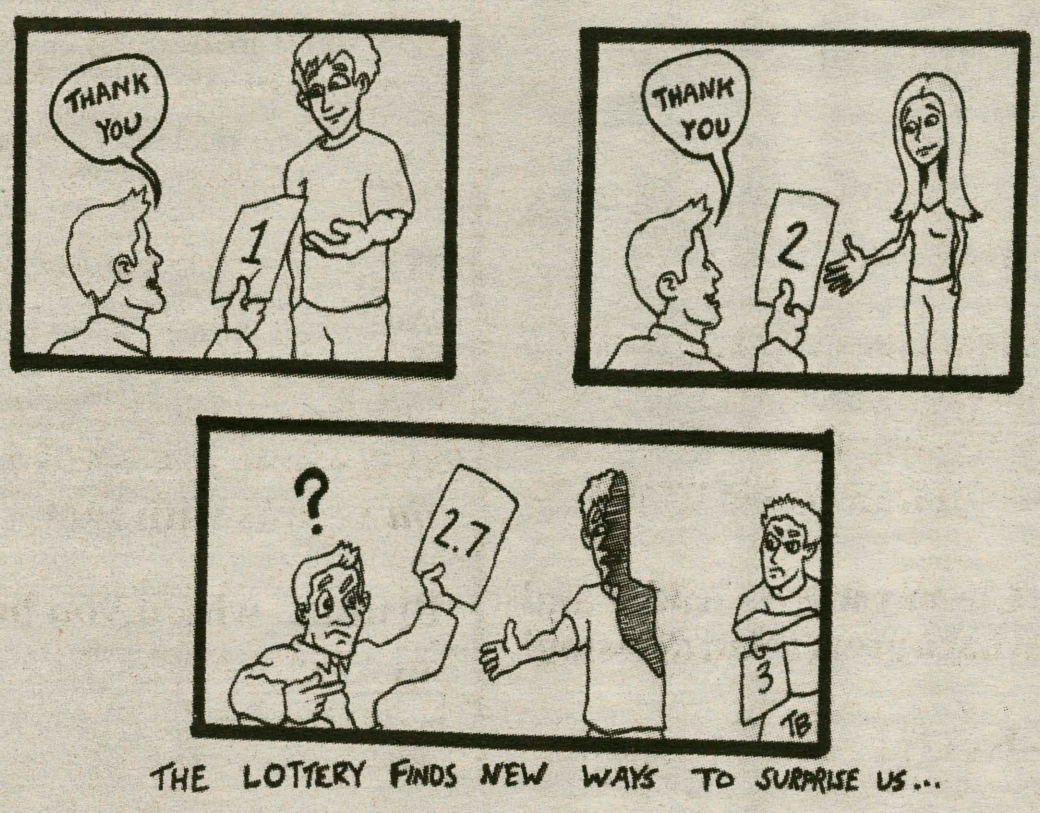
When 7 p.m. rolled around, I finally entered the room of death formerly known as the Annex, where just hours ago, I was having my blissful Saturday night fun. All around me, the cute little R.A.'s, who didn't even have to freaking pick their rooms, were hovering around with expressions on their faces that screamed "Just pick one, your screwed either way!" But, after I walked out with that little yellow slip, I felt like a huge boulder had been lifted off my shoulders. And, as I listened to other people gleam or complain about their room assignments, I came to a conclusion that I wish I had reached at 8:46 that morning.

I realized that in the grand scheme of things, all of the time I had spent thinking and stressing about housing was pretty irrelevant. I can almost hear the voices of the people reading this, thinking, "Poor freshman-- she needs to write an article in order to justify her less-than-perfect living space for next year." But stop and think about your housing worries; I'm sure a majority of you had them. When it comes down to it, is there really a big difference between Carnegie and South? Or Ferguson and Eels? Or Dunham and Psi U? One has a bathroom, the other doesn't. One room is two inches longer than the other. One is 3 minutes further down the hill. Are any of those life or death situations? Not really. After thinking about those 10 hours, I realized how crazy I got over it. Now, I realize that I must be one of the luckiest people in the world. Why? I have been given the chance to attend college; I spend my days talking and learning about things that I am interested in. I have time to watch movies and hang out with my friends, I have food to eat whenever I'm hungry, and I can rest easy knowing that I'll have a room to go home to at the end of each night. If your reading this, than I'm guessing your just as lucky as I am. These things seem so ordinary. We do them everyday and don't think twice about it most of the time.

But just think for a minute about all of the people in this world that have no idea how long it will be until they get their next meal, or are homeless, or spend their days working 16-hour days in an unsafe factory. It's funny how easy it is to take life and what you have for granted; it's strange, how much we complain about the things we should be grateful for. My only hope is that tomorrow, I will recognize all of the things that I failed to appreciate today.

I hope we can all do this, because it might just shift our focus from wanting what we don't have to becoming a bit more humble and appreciative of what we do have. But, if housing is still a big deal to you, I have 4 words: Make rising senior friends.

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06

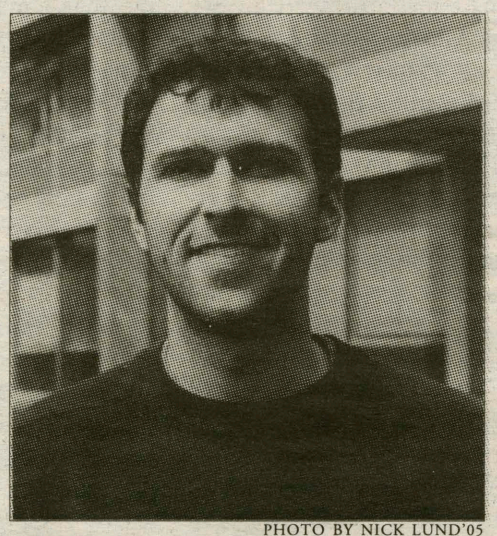


Features

Seven seniors and one alum awarded Fulbright

by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES WRITER

Seven Hamilton College seniors and one Hamilton alumna have been awarded Fulbright Grants for various opportunities to be pursued next year. The Fulbright program is one of the most prestigious awards in the country, and each year the U.S. Student Program only gives the grants to approximately 800 scholars.



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Ted Geary '05 will travel to Vienna.

Three of the seniors, Nate Adler, Jackie Kook, and Elizabeth Lesser, as well as Hamilton Class of 2004 alum Lauren Perkins, have all received grants to teach English in South Korea for one year. They will spend five weeks in a Korean language program located in Chunchon, South Korea. Next they will move to Korean family homes in towns outside of Seoul and teach English for twenty hours a week, as well as assist senior teachers with projects and tutoring in the school.

Twenty hours may not seem like much time for teaching, but Jackie Kook '05 had an explanation for this. "The reason we are given less work is because the purpose of the fellowship is for international exchange and ambassadorship. So, it is hoped that we will find other ways of immersing ourselves into the life and culture of South Korea, as well as meeting people and sharing our own American experiences."

When asked for general comments and what they hoped to gain from this experience, all of the students seemed eager and excited to embark on their trip to South Korea. Nate Adler '05 said: "Receiving the award was a pleasant surprise. I have never been to Asia before and this seemed like a great way to see another part of the world after my time at Hamilton. Once in Korea I also plan on traveling to China and Japan."

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Elizabeth Lesser '05 will join Adler, Kook, and Perkins in South Korea.

Kook had a previous cultural experience in Cuba this summer that was extremely beneficial, and so she looks forward to her time in South Korea as another life-altering experience. She wrote: "I hope to tutor a lot of English, get tutored in Korean myself, travel throughout Korea, learn Tae Kwon Do or Tae Kyon (another Korean national martial art), learn to cook Korean food, and find my family throughout Korea that I have not spoken to in over 10 years...Fostering and nurturing relationships between different peoples and countries of the world is so important in our increasingly global lives. There is no doubt that few experiences come close to living and working in another country. I am especially excited to be able to teach in a Korean school. I look forward to learning about the school system, learning from my senior teachers and my students, and sharing what I have learned in my studies about pedagogy and education."

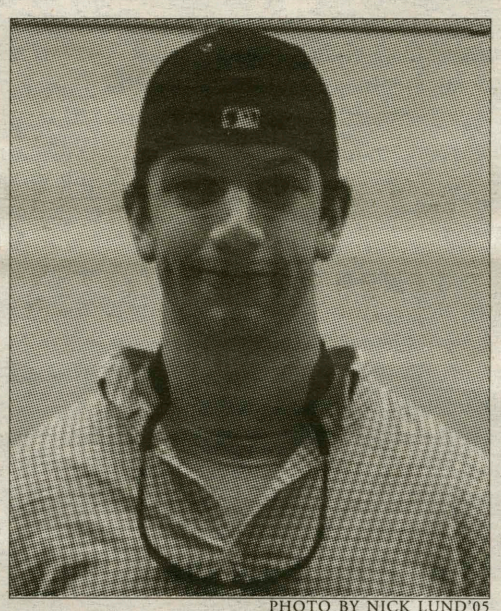
Dan Walker '05 will also be teaching English. He will not be in South Korea with the previously mentioned four members of his class, but will be teaching in Germany.

Ted Geary '05 will have a different experience than the students who will be in South Korea and Germany. Geary will be located in Vienna, Austria, and will use his Fulbright grant to work part time as an English teacher-assistant at an elementary school. The rest of the time he will be conducting research under the guidance of a professor at the University of Vienna. His work will examine how Austria's involvement in National Socialism is taught in Austrian secondary and primary schools, and especially how textbooks and teachers have treated that historical time period in front of the impressionable minds of young students.

"There is a specific theory that Austria was the first 'victim' of Hitler's regime, and I will be researching how and whether this is part of the curriculum. I will also be researching how teaching methods/textbooks have changed since 1945 in terms of how they present Austria's role in National Socialism."

Geary has many aspirations for this trip, and looks forward to his experience in Austria. "The award is a real honor and provides the perfect opportunity for me to pursue teaching and at the same time remain a student of history and language."

Brian Tilley '05 will be located in India. He received a grant from the new and highly competitive Fulbright Program for Islamic Civilization Initiative. These new grants are "unique," Tilley explained, "in that they require the grantee to somehow share his/her results with his/her home community upon completion of research. I have proposed to host a conference featuring undergraduate research in Islamic social issues at Hamilton upon my return."



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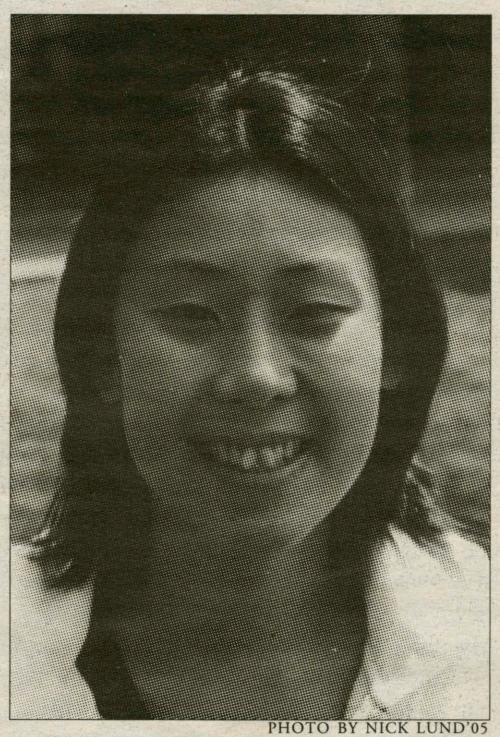
Nate Adler '05 will teach English in South Korea for one year.

Tilley will be studying different patterns of worship at Sufi shrines in the dominantly Islamic cities of Aligarh (North India) and Bijapur (South India). Tilley's inspiration for this project stemmed from the Islamic Thought class he took in the spring term of 2004. "In the last few decades, old Sufi shrines (many built during the Mughal era in India) have been rediscovered and a new culture of patronage has developed (which involves both Muslims and non-Muslims). I am particularly interested in the relationship between these diverse folk communities, and the more orthodox/elite Muslim communities in these cities."

Tilley is grateful to receive this grant, and sees the experience and the research he shall conduct as an important stepping-stone for his future. He hopes to attend graduate school for either history or anthropology, most likely with a focus on South Asia.



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Jackie Kook '05 won a Fulbright.

Shayna McHugh '05 will also be conducting research, but under a professor from the University of San Paulo. She was actually invited by Dr. Roberto Berlink of the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil to join his research group. They will be studying the isolation and identification of biologically active chemical compounds from the extracts of marine invertebrates. They will also conduct an evaluation to discover the amount of potential medicinal use these extracts could provide.

McHugh is very eager to begin her research; "I'm excited to work with this research team, because I believe that natural products have tremendous potential in the future of medicine. I'm also excited to return to Brazil; although I've been there twice for short periods of time, spending a year in Sao Paulo will allow me to further immerse myself in the language and culture. I'm looking forward to continuing my training of capoeira (a Brazilian martial art/dance form) and learning other Brazilian dance forms and musical traditions," she elaborated.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is administered by the Council of International Exchange for Scholars, and sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State. The program offers scholars the opportunity to meet and work with people of 140 different host countries, in which they combine a cross-cultural daily life experience with a professional experience. There is a diverse list of programs for students, faculty, and professionals to apply for. The application process is extremely rigorous and challenging, so for Hamilton to have seven students and one alumna all receive grants is extraordinary.

For more information about the Fulbright Grant program, log onto www.cies.org Also, contact Ginny Dosch, Hamilton's student fellowship coordinator, at gdosch or x4467.

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HEAG showed the campus the importance of recycling by piling trash on Martin's Way on Tuesday, April 28. The visual was part of this week's Green Week. For more on Green Week, see the Science section on page 17.

SHINE program completes its inaugural year

by Shin-Jung Hong '05
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Project SHINE celebrated the end of its first year of service to the Utica communityOn Wednesday, April 27. Otherwise known as Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders, SHINE is a national service-learning program that joins college students and older immigrants and refugees together. SHINE provides participants age 50 or older with an opportunity to learn English and to prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam, while simultaneously offering college students to learn about different cultures and people and to play an active role in their community. In Central New York, Hamilton College and Utica College partnered with SHINE to become its newest branch in 2004.

College student participants include volunteers, work-study students, or students who have a service-learning option in an academic course. Helping older immigrants or refugees become more actively engaged in their communities and teaching about information needed to pass the citizenship exam, Hamilton College and Utica College students have worked one-on-one with elders or in small groups two hours each week during the semester. Lessons include practicing the alphabet, introducing new vocabulary and idiom and holding conversations with an elder.

As Hamilton's SHINE Coordinator, Amanda Siepiola, explains, in citizenship classes, "students can practice the citizenship interview as a role-play exercise, help learners memorize answers to the '100 questions' asked by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and review citizenship material taught in class."

Students can either "coach" or "tutor" elders in English, focusing heavily on conversation, reading and writing. While coaches assist in ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) or in citizenship classes, tutors teach their own ESOL lessons. Whether coach or tutor, all students must participate in a mandatory training session at the beginning of the semester to understand older immigrants, gain an overview of the citizenship process and learn constructive coaching skills and tools.

Like some college students, the older immigrants or refugees are also volunteers, and therefore have a desire to learn from their coaches and tutors.

Whether the elders want to gain proficiency in English in order to pass the citizenship test, to support their families, or to feel a closer connection to their community, they are willing and enthusiastic to learn. Many older immigrants or refugees in the Utica area come from countries including Vietnam, Bosnia, Russia, Belarus, Afghanistan, Iran, Burma, Somalia, Liberia and Cambodia.

With such diverse nationalities, the elders provide the students with a unique cultural and educational atmosphere. As Siepiola explains, "[the students] provide a much needed service in their community by helping the elders learn English and become naturalized, which, in turn helps them become more actively engaged in their community. In the process, the coaches learn a great deal from the intergenerational and intercultural relationship with their learners."

Siepiola further comments and hopes that "college students will learn just as much as they are teaching and that they are learning with learners." She wishes that by meeting different people and learning about other people's lives, "both students and elders will shatter stereotypes and prejudices and learn more about themselves."

The actual results of SHINE prove a successful and ever-growing program. During the fall semester of 2004, 66 Hamilton College and Utica College students participated as coaches and 7 Hamilton and Utica professors included SHINE in 9 academic course.

In addition, coaches tutored over 161 learners, 4 coaches became certified ESOL tutors through Literacy Volunteers of America and over 1,300 ESOL and citizenship tutoring hours were completed by SHINE coaches. Furthermore, 7 learners became US citizens. Combining the results of the fall semester of 2004 and the spring semester of 2005, Hamilton College and Utica College students completed more than 2,600 hours of coaching as a part of their academic courses. Moreover, 191 college students participated in SHINE throughout the academic year.

With such success, SHINE celebrated the end of its inaugural year of service to the Utica community on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Held at four different sites, each celebratory event took place in Matt Apartments, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees (MVRCR), Utica BOCES Access Site and St. Francis De Sales. Each celebration recognized coaches, tutors and the older immigrants or refugees.

While student coaches were awarded with certificates of appreciation, ESOL students and citizenship students received class photos with their individual coaches. Dominika, an elder woman from Germany who celebrated at MVRCR, explained that she started attending SHINE lessons in March and confesses that she was initially "scared to come and thought it was going to be difficult."

However, Dominika found that the student coaches and tutors "made it easy" and that she was encouraged to study on her own time. Janine Knight '05, a Hamilton student coach, expressed that "SHINE is one of my last activities at Hamilton and through the program, I've learned to appreciate the people of Utica, recognize the refugee population here, and what it takes to get citizenship."

With such positive experience from both the older and college students, all participants look forward to the next academic year and to continue to build SHINE as a national initiative.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

Hamilton statue pained as "the Joker"
April 27, 1990

One or a group of pranksters painted the long-standing Alexander Hamilton statue to resemble "The Joker" of Batman cartoon and movie fame sometime early Tuesday. The statue's coat was painted purple, his vest pink, and was given green hair and a red smile.

The paint used, however, is not water-based and has not yet been removed from the bronze statue. Physical Plant has tried but failed to remove the paint with paint thinner and fear sandblasting because of the age of the statue, according to Terry Hawkridge, Assistant Director of Physical Plant.

A poster with the words "This college needs an enema" apparently a takeoff on a quote from the movie Batman was placed on the base of the statue, but was removed upon the discovery of the prank.

The prank coincided with the arrival of close to 200 prospective first-year students on campus Tuesday. While passing the statue, a long-time campus tour attraction, a purple painted "Joker was here" could be read on the adjacent path to the Chapel.

"Jesus was the 1st frat boy"
April 28, 2000

In keeping with the popular chalking trend, students awoke to pro-fraternity banter that graced Martin's Way and the bridge this week. One Hamilton student wrote, "Jesus was the 1st frat boy" on the metal railings of the bridge.

Exterminator treats bed bugs in Babbitt Hall
April 13, 2001

Shortly before Spring Break, one of the suites in Babbitt residence hall became infected with bedbugs. Yesterday, a meeting was held to discuss the bed bugs, the Administration's decision to spray, and the community response in general.

It all started right before Spring Break. The residents of the infested suite caught one of the suspicious bug, put it in a plastic bag, and contaced their Resident Advisor.

The RA gave the bag to Phyical Plant workers, who made the identification. The residents of the suite were given one week's notice that the workers were coming to spray the suite with pesticide commonly known as Tempo or Cyfluthrin. The RA said it was at this point that "people in Babbitt became rightfully concerned and scared. It was kind of like the red scare of bed bugs."

Crawling for a cause: 2 students to crawl 33 miles

by Kristy Hague '05
FEATUERS WRITER

On June 11-12 in Colorado Springs, CO, Leo Chau of the University of Colorado and Sean Duffy of Columbia University will crawl 33 miles to break the world record for longest distance crawled and, in the process, raise money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF).

Chau and Duffy, friends since high school, decided to break the world record on a whim. While looking on the internet for "records that required no skill," they stumbled upon Pete McKinlay and John Murrie's record 31.44 mile crawl in 1992. "We weren't serious about it until we thought that we could raise money for charity," said Duffy.

Chau and Duffy selected the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation because they felt the cause was relatively unknown. About 2,000 kids are infected with HIV/AIDS everyday.

According to the EGPAF missions statement, "The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation creates a future of hope for children and families worldwide by eradicating pediatric AIDS, providing care and treatment to people with HIV/AIDS, and accelerating the discovery of new treatments for other serious and life-threatening pediatric illnesses."

In preparation for the crawl, Chau and Duffy have started an intensive training regimen. They run, weight train, complete cardiovascular workouts, and, most importantly, crawl.

"Oh, it's so embarrassing," responded Duffy when asked about crawling around New York City. Duffy practices on an outdoor track at Columbia wearing a T-shirt that states, "I'm attempting to break a world record" on the back by way of explanation.

Both Chau and Duffy will be back in Colorado Springs (their hometown) for 3 weeks before the crawl; therefore, they are not worried about the altitude affecting their performance.

According to the rules of the Guinness Book of World Records, Chau and Duffy must have witnesses and/or the media confirm that they completed their record breaking crawl. Chau and Duffy can wear kneepads and take as many breaks as necessary (including bathroom and food breaks). "We were a bit worried that we would become very close friends with our Nalgene bottles," said Duffy of his relief at finding out they could take bathroom breaks.

Chau and Duffy have three corporate sponsors providing them with extremely high tech kneepads. ProKnee donated free kneepads to the two while Tempu-Pedic gave the duo mattress material with which to further cushion the pads. In addition, McMaster-Carr provided them with Teflon in which to coat their pads so they can drag their knees with greater ease.

Chau and Duffy anticipate the crawl taking approximately 38 hours. The crawl will consist of circling a track 120 times.

"We're anticipating that this will be the worst thing we've ever done in our lives," said Duffy of the physical and mental exhaustion that comes with 38 hours of crawling. "It's going to be a mental game and we're just trying not to go insane out there."

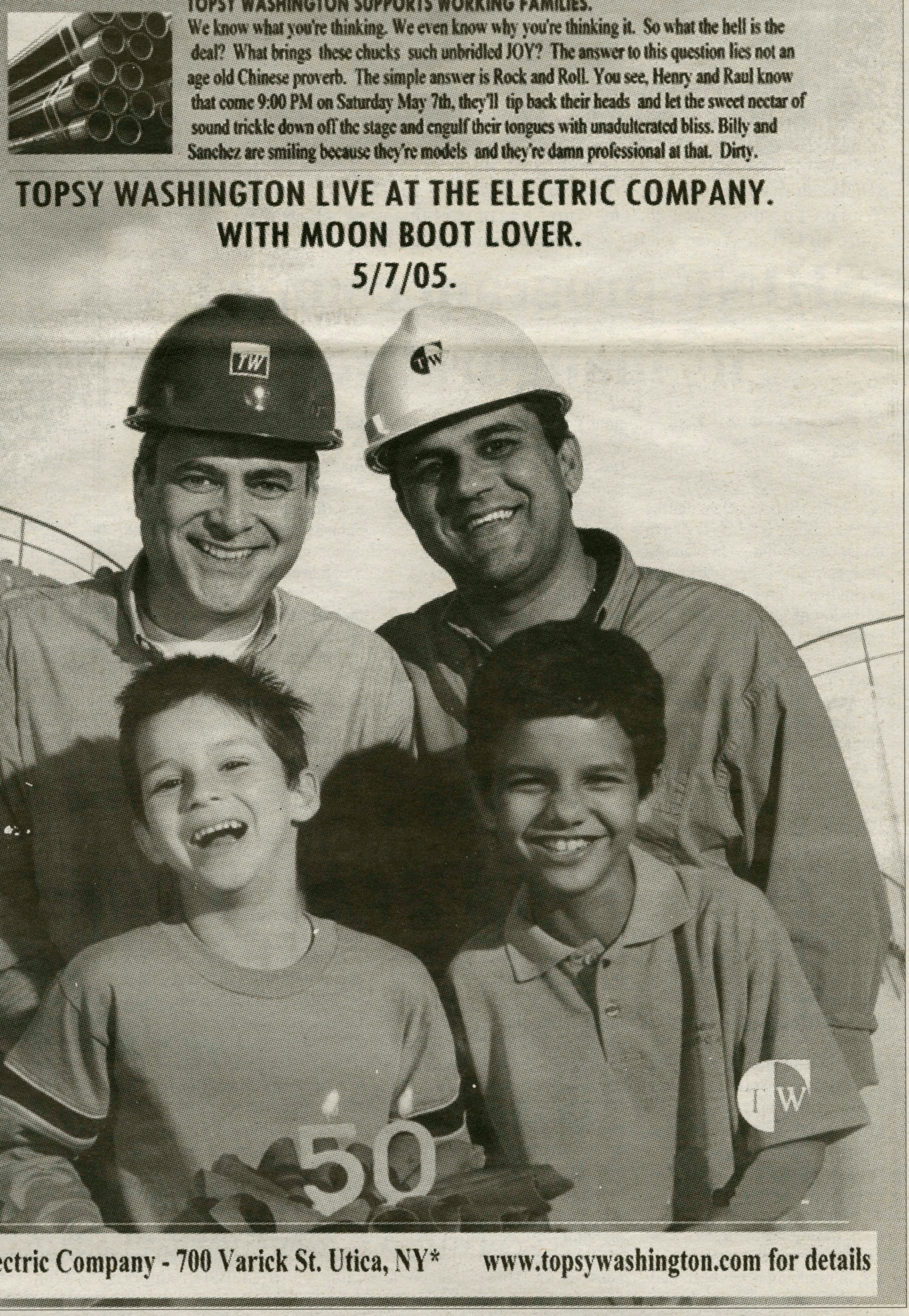
To combat boredom, Chau and Duffy will listen to books on tape and have supports crawl or walk with them.

Duffy noted, however, that all the effort would be worth it once they finished the crawl and are overcome with a sense of their accomplishment. Chau and Duffy are planning a community barbeque scheduled at their anticipated completion time.

At the barbeque, there will be much celebrating and hopefully opportunities to get some more donations.

To date, the 33 mile crawl has raised $10, 703 for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Interested in this monumental 3 mile crawl? Want more information on how to place a donation? Please visit Chau and Duffy's website at www.33milecrawl.com. For more information on the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, visit their site at www.pedaids.org.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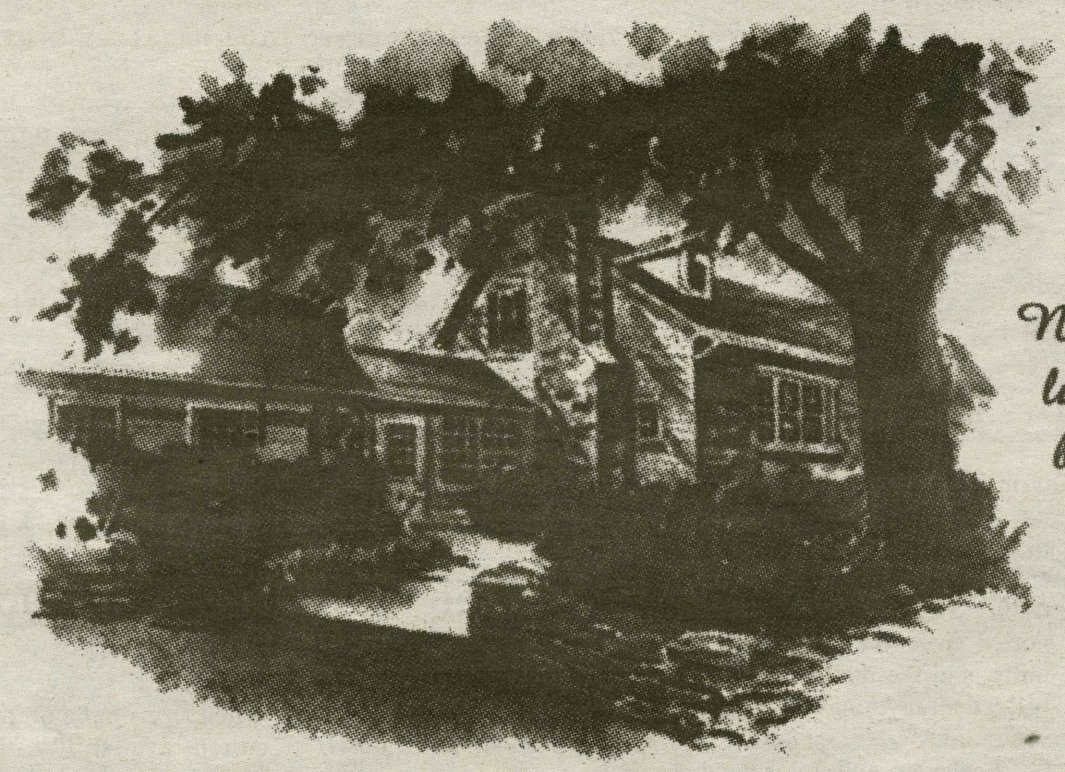

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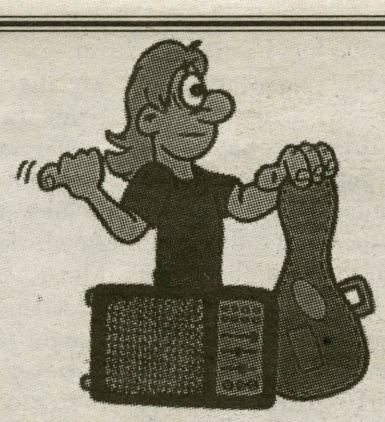

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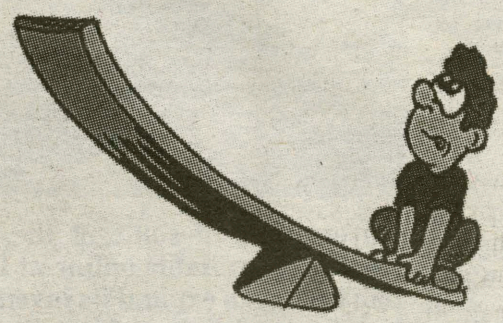

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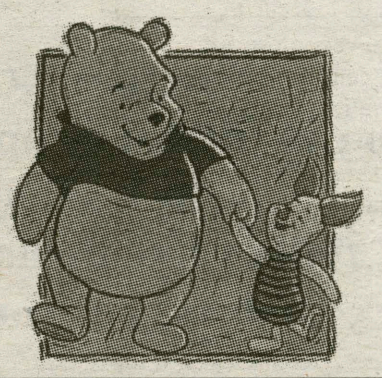

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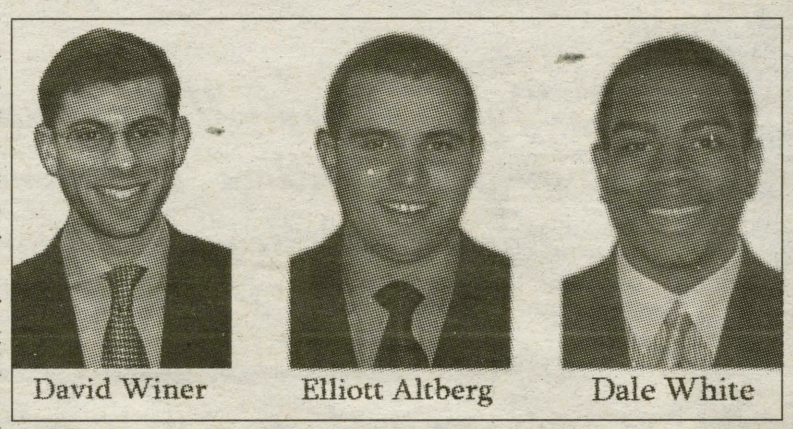
Business & Economics

Three Hamilton seniors start successful business

Online clothing store is experiencing surge in popularity

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS EDITOR

While most Hamilton seniors are busy completing their graduation requirements and looking for a job, three fourth-year students have found time to launch their own business. David Winer '05, Elliott Altberg '05 and Dale White '05 have spent much of their past two semesters developing the business model for an online custom clothing company that is impressive to say the least. "We've spent the past two years looking at other men's clothing businesses and understanding the industry that we were entering. We really felt that there was a huge market for custom made clothing at affordable prices," said Winer. Over the past three months, the results have been impressive. "We don't disclose our financial information, but we've been really happy with the growing demand. We have actually had to source additional suppliers to accommodate that demand," added White.

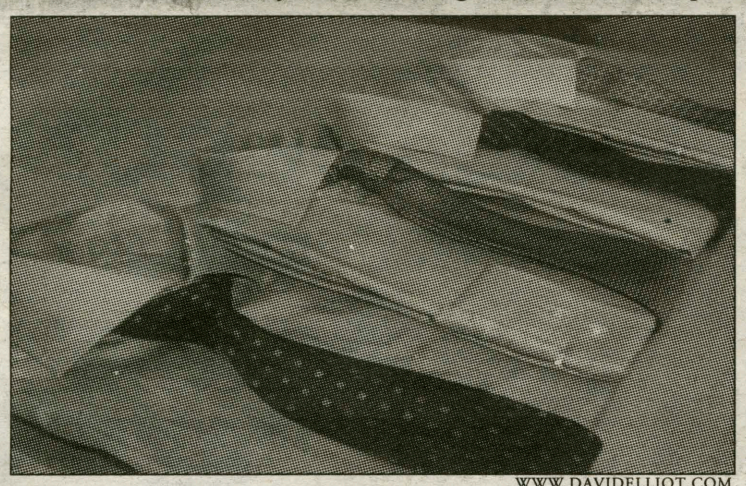


David Winer Elliott Altberg Dale White

The David Elliott Clothing Company, named after two of its founders, sells custom made suits and dress shirts exclusively through its online store. Using Microsoft's ASP.NET and SQL Server 2000, White spent much of last semester meticulously constructing the company's online presence from scratch. "Because our company allows customers to choose between 8 to 10 suit preferences and 10 to 12 different dress shirt options," remarked White, "I had to develop dynamic code and a supporting database that would allow for that customization."

The company's website, www.davidelliottclothing.com offers shoppers the ability to customize their suits and dress shirts at the click of a button. "Through our research, we found out that almost two thirds of the people in North America don't fit properly into 'off the rack' suits and shirts. We also found that many people complained about not being able to find business attire that fits each of their personalities. We therefore decided to allow our customers to choose the finer attributes of their clothing, such as the color of their shirt buttons and even the style of stitching. We also allow those customers to choose more typical preferences like the style of cuffs and collars for shirts along with the lapels and pockets for our suits."

How does one get measured, you asked? "Right now, while we're at Hamilton, we can set up an appointment with you for the custom measurements. However, regular customers currently use our online measurement documents, go to their local tailor or get a friend to measure them. You can even use the measurements from your best fitting shirt or suit. All you really have to do is follow our simple instructions. In the near future, we are working on a proprietary measurement system that will be seamless and effortless for our customers," White said.



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An example of some of the custom shirts that are currently available online at David Elliott. The company plans to expand its inventory of fabrics, offering hundreds of different cottons and wool suiting within the next couple of months.

When asked about where they buy their suit and dress shirt fabrics, Altberg replied, "We've met with representatives from the top fabric manufacturers around the world. We've developed relationships with companies like Woolmark and suppliers in Italy, England and Australia. Our materials are imported from the world's best mills, and the quality is much better than anything you can buy in a store."

Each shirt and suit is handmade. The tailors take several hours sketching the outlines of a suit according to the provided measurements. They then cut each outline into over 100 pieces, which are sewn together in over 150 different operations. This is done in order to allow the suit to fit properly and curve to each person's shape. "The process is very time consuming, methodical and labor intensive. However, when you put on one of our shirts, you can feel the difference. It just fits better," Altberg added.

The David Elliott Clothing Company will offer its merchandise at a significant discount to Hamilton students. "All a student at Hamilton has to do is email, call or stop one of us when you're passing by and we can help you out," Altberg mentioned. "We currently have more than a dozen students who have placed orders with us, some of whom have already received their merchandise. We wanted to let everyone here at Hamilton take advantage of this opportunity."

Right now, the company is focusing its efforts on the custom suit and shirt business. However, as Altberg pointed out, "there are a lot of different areas of the business that we are looking to expand. We are currently sourcing accessories like shoes, cuff links and ties from brand name companies in order to provide our customers with a full line of business attire. Our customers can currently order suit separates and we are always updating our existing fabric selections in order to keep up with changing styles."

In a time when newspapers constantly feature failing businesses and missed profit projections, it is extremely encouraging to see young entrepreneurs starting up their own company. Though Hamilton offers virtually no formal business training, Altberg, Winer and White are living proof that the benefits of a liberal arts education can apply to any field of employment.

Questions? Comments? Confused?
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Finance 201... that is not a typo

More on futures: contango and backwardation

by David Kelland '05
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS COLUMNIST

Over the past semester, both Tim and I have written about futures contracts. This week, I will explain two different phenomena that occur in the pricing of contracts expiring in different months: backwardation and contango. A certain German company, Metallgesellschaft, might have avoided crippling losses in 1993 had its directors understood these concepts.

To review, a futures contract requires the buyer (or seller) to purchase (or sell) a given commodity at a given price at a specified future date. If we want to buy light, sweet crude oil futures, for example, we can buy contracts expiring in any month from this year through 2010. Although all of these contracts require the buyer (or seller) to buy (or sell) the same kind of oil, the contracts will have different prices. Consider the following situation. Suppose that the June contract for light, sweet crude can be purchased for $50 per barrel. Furthermore, assume that the oil can be stored for one month at the price of $1 per barrel. Then we know that July oil cannot trade higher than $51 per barrel because if the price were higher, arbitrageurs would buy June oil for $50 and simultaneously sell July oil short (for more than $51). The arbitrageurs would accept delivery of the oil in June, store it for one month for $1, and then deliver on the July contract, for a risk-free profit. When a futures market reflects that cost of carry, the market is said to exhibit contango.

The above arbitrage represents an upper limit for the July contract. That does not imply, however, that the July contract cannot trade below the price of the June contract. When firms put a premium on current availability, the market for the commodity is said to exhibit "backwardation."

In 1992, the German industrial company Metallgesellschaft was selling gasoline, heating oil and diesel fuel to large buyers. The company decided to begin a marketing campaign in which it would guarantee the prices for these products to the company's customers for five to ten years. Since Metallgesellschaft did not already own these products, it would have to buy them in the market in the future. If the price of oil were to rise, the company stood to lose a vast sum of money. Metallgesellschaft's managers understood this risk, and so they bought futures. These futures, however, were not for delivery in five to ten years like the guarantees Metallgesellschaft made to its customers.

The managers decided that they would use a "stack-and-roll" hedging strategy. The company would buy short-dated futures, maybe four months forward. Just before those futures expired, the company would sell those contracts and purchase contracts another four months forward, in a process known as "rolling." In a market exhibiting "backwardation," the stack-and-roll strategy will actually generate profits, and the oil products markets were exhibiting backwardation in 1992. Unfortunately for Metallgesellschaft, the energy futures markets began exhibiting contango in 1993. Every time that the company sold its almost-expired futures and bought longer-dated contracts, the company lost money. Their losses eventually totaled over one billion dollars. Had the managers been aware of the risk involved in the stack-and-roll strategy, they might have avoided these losses.

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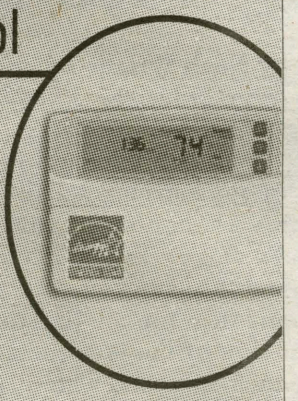

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Arts & Entertainment

The top ten craziest, zaniest, films: part one

by Noah Wright '08
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COLUMNIST

Rather than writing one of my normal Asian movie review columns about *Kung Fu Hustle* I have decided to end the semester with a bang and do a top ten list, this one being of the ten craziest, zaniest, most screwed-up pieces of work that I've ever seen and enjoyed. I start with:

10. *Kung Fu Hustle.*

Here's how I imagine Stephen Chow, director/star of *Kung Fu Hustle*, came up with the idea for it: He sat one fine afternoon relaxing in his chair, watching television and sipping his tea, which, unbeknownst to him, had been spiked with LSD. He then proceeded to watch a roadrunner cartoon followed by a 1930's gangster movie followed by *Enter the Dragon*, and all of a sudden, tripping balls, had the idea for *Kung Fu Hustle*. Zany, crazed, kung-fu battles, random humor and an incoherent story are *Kung Fu Hustle*'s defining characteristics, but we've just scratched the surface of insanity as we move on to. . .

9. *Being John Malkovich*

Charlie Kaufman's surreal screenwriting debut still stands out for its sheer weirdness. A puppeteer discovers a portal that allows one to enter John Malkovich's brain, and uses it to. . .win the affection of a girl at work he likes? Who his current girlfriend is also attracted to? And the office girl wants to have sex with the current girlfriend, but only while she's possessing the body of Malkovich? An excellent film, but seriously, WTF?

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***Being John Malkovich* is just like *The Office*, except that the ceilings are 4 feet high. Actually, it's nothing like *The Office*.**

8. *The Triplets of Belleville*

Number eight takes us into the realm of animation to a movie that is simultaneously in French and not in French. No dialogue is needed to understand the plot; the movie is told entirely through imagery, and quite memorable imagery at that. This movie has the most disgustingly caricaturized animation of the human form I've ever seen. Old ladies with linebacker shoulders and curvy spines, a waiter whose neck is as long as his torso, and cyclists with muscles so thickly disproportionate to the rest of their bodies they'd make Cloud Strife jealous. Disproportionate is the word of the day, every single proportion on the human body has been skewered beyond recognition, and one never really gets over this even by the end of the movie.

7. *Pom Poko*

I'm sure many of you may have seen *Princess Mononoke* or *Spirited Away*, both incredible pieces of work produced by Studio Ghibli. A lesser-known Ghibli production, *Pom Poko* is one of their movies that has yet to make it to the U.S., and for obvious reasons. *Pom Poko* is a fun yet solemn children's movie about a group of raccoons whose very existence is threatened by humans logging their forest. These raccoons have the ability to shapeshift their bodies, a power they use to their fullest extent to try and stop the humans. Sounds fairly innocent, no? Oh, right, I forgot to mention that the raccoons mostly shapeshift only one part of their bodies: their giant, bulging testicles.

6. *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*

A transsexual rock-opera about a (wo)man named Hedwig who got a sex-change operation so he/she could emigrate from East Germany by pretending to be his/her mother so as to pose as an American marine's wife. The problem is that his/her sex-change operation was severely botched, leaving him/her with nothing but an angry inch. Use your imagination. Hedwig then goes on to become a rock'n'roll superstar and falls in love with a band member whom he/she used to babysit and then everything just gets messy.

5. *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*

Speaking of transsexual rock-opera, this one about-oh forget it. It attempts to make fun of old science fiction/horror movies but ends up being too friggin' crazy to establish any sort of plot. There are two newlyweds, they end up going to this castle after their car breaks down, and after a series of rather entertaining song-and-dance numbers, everyone has sex with Tim Curry. The female lead has sex with Tim Curry, the male lead has sex with Tim Curry, Rocky Horror has sex with Tim Curry, Meatloaf has... Oh thank god, Meatloaf is the only character who doesn't have sex with Tim Curry. That mental image makes me want to gouge my eyes out with a spork.

Next week I cover the last four and a few honorable mentions, so watch for it!

Badass movie reviews: *The Lost World* and *Jurassic Park 3*

by Tim Mudie '05
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

There's a lot of people out there who will disparage *The Lost World* and *Jurassic Park 3*, and I can't blame them. These movies are far from perfect. In some places, they're downright silly. And they're certainly not Jurassic Park. But, they are the sequels to my favorite movie of all time and they are certainly badass. After all, I have a long-standing belief that any movie, no matter how poorly made, is badass as long as it features dinosaurs eating people. You really just can't beat that.

Personally, I enjoy *The Lost World*. Sure, it's not as good as *Jurassic Park*, and it's not as good as the book, but it's entertaining. The thing with sequels of this sort is that they need to up the ante. People had seen *Jurassic Park*; they wanted something similar, but bigger and more exciting. And *The Lost World* grew in several key ways. First, there are no more fences. The island in this movie has been abandoned and the dinosaurs roam free. Obviously, there have to be more dinosaurs as well. *The Lost World* would have utterly failed as a sequel if it had limited the number of dinosaurs. In the first movie, there are three raptors. In *The Lost World*, a whole pack. *Jurassic Park* gave you one T-Rex? Well, *The Lost World* is giving you two, baby. And new dinosaurs too, like the compys, little, vicious, green dinosaurs. Now that's how you make a badass sequel.

The plot isn't as good or surprising as the original, but that's to be expected, and that doesn't mean that it's bad. Two groups journey to the island, which means there are plenty of expendable characters. And boy do they get expended. They get expended like it's going out of style. I can think of at least three separate species of dinosaur that eat people in this movie. And they eat some pretty good people. The producers knew what they were doing when they decided to focus on Jeff Goldblum, since he was a general favorite from the original, and they knew what they were doing when they cast Vince Vaughan. Talented actors really do help a movie, even The Lost World. Oh, and I need to give a shout out to my boy Pete Postlethwaite. Unfortunately, none of these actors are in *Jurassic Park 3*.

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A T-Rex pulling up to the window could be a McDonald's drive-thru worker's worst nightmare. Fast food indeed.

Ok, I'll admit it: Jurassic Park 3 is not a good movie. I'm sorry; it's just straight up poor. I think that everyone knew this before the movie even came out. For example, I saw *The Lost World* on opening day and I didn't see Jurassic Park 3 until freshman year when some guy had it on the Hamilton network. But that's the thing: because I had no expectations going into *Jurassic Park 3*, I wasn't disappointed. Now, I'm guessing that isn't what the filmmakers were aiming for, but it could be worse. All I expected was sweet dinosaurs, and if you're looking for sweet dinosaurs, *Jurassic Park 3* delivers.

Like *The Lost World*, *Jurassic Park 3* ups the ante. There are newer, bigger dinosaurs, like the Spinosaurus. Plus, the raptors have rapidly evolved into animals as smart as primates, able to communicate. Ridiculous? Yeah, a little, but here's my theory. I think that the *Jurassic Park* franchise fully planned on becoming ridiculous. Here's why: at the end of *The Lost World*, there's the scene with the Tyrannosaurus rampaging through San Diego. That scene made it possible for the *Jurassic Park* franchise to slide from legitimate film to badass dinosaurs eating people. Now, there's nothing wrong with dinosaurs eating people (I'm all for it), it's just not the same as a truly good movie that has dinosaurs eating people. But, it's fun, which is why I'm eagerly awaiting *Jurassic Park 4: The Extinction*. I'm not making it up; buy your tickets now. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next week: *Pretty in Pink.*

Album review: Tom Waits's *Real Gone*

by Cyrus Philbrick '05
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Tom Waits's *Real Gone*, The Truly Gritty Sh*t

Real Gone, like most of Waits's albums, takes some getting used to. But once you get over the guttural groan of his voice, which is just coming into its prime on *Real Gone*, you're hooked. His leathery voice grows on you like the fifth shot of whiskey after the first few go down a little rough. Soon you're pulling out some deep sweetness from beneath the grit. And eventually you don't give a sh*t what his voice sounds like because he's combining good lyrics with flat-out good music.

In fact, *Real Gone* achieves a new level of grittiness that might even surprise your average Waits fan. Waits leaves behind the atmospheric sounds of his last double album, *Alice and Blood Money* (2002). And he ditches the piano, a Waits mainstay, for experimentally thick rhythms and a more beat driven voice. Waits's voice builds the foundation for all of the songs on *Real Gone*, but each one digs up dirt in a different way. He gives us smooth and earthy blues ballads like "Sins of My Father," and mud slinging anthems, like "Hoist that Rag." Waits almost even breaks into rap on "Top of the Hill," but his voice hangs onto its folky roots for dear life.

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Waits holds his songs together with rhythms that are disorienting but somehow driven, sparse but somehow full. The songs clank and hammer away as if they were recorded with kitchen utensils or in a tool shed. But they somehow manage to mix in the flavors of blues, funk, Latin, and even rap, with a little help from the funky grease of some turntables, spun by Waits' son Casey. What results are the rugged rhythms and feelings of work, loss and love. When these rhythms combine with Tom Waits' words we feel the weight of plows, axes and death.

But the songs are not all heavy. Waits mixes in enough up-beat funk and rock to get you to bob your head a little bit, however slowly. Some of the rhythms are almost danceable, if you use your imagination. And some of the songs are so airy and cacophonous that they are only held together by the awesome musicians that Waits guest stars. Larry Taylor and Les Claypool alternate playing subtle bass. And Marc Ribot ties songs together with typically slick guitar licks and filler.

Even if you don't fancy whiskey, you still might like *Real Gone*. But I doubt it. Tom Waits generally doesn't make music for pussies. And *Real Gone* is no different. You can't sing along to it, you can't pick it, and you can't seem cool by bumping it with the windows rolled down in your jeep. That would be disrespecting Mr. Waits. He doesn't make music that you can easily groove to or duplicate. His albums deserve strapping on headphones and a bottle of whiskey. Then you might be able to groove. Otherwise you'll probably never hear or understand what he's saying.

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Correction

In the April 22nd issue of *The Spectator*, the article *A cappella insanity ensues for accepted students* mistakenly claimed that recordings of concerts could be found at the Media Library. In truth, the place to check out hot a cappella singing is the Hamilton College A/V department. w00t!

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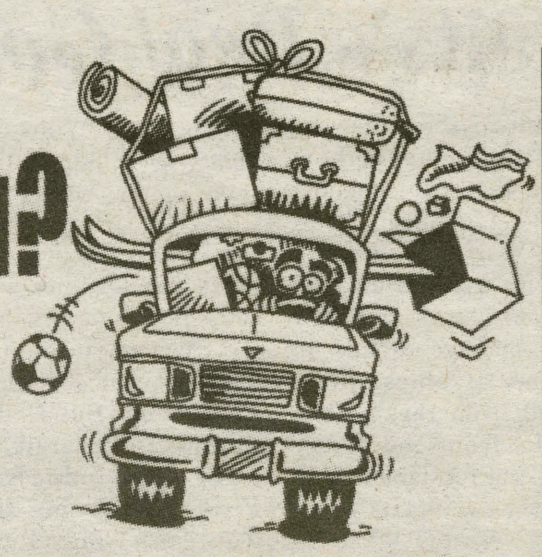

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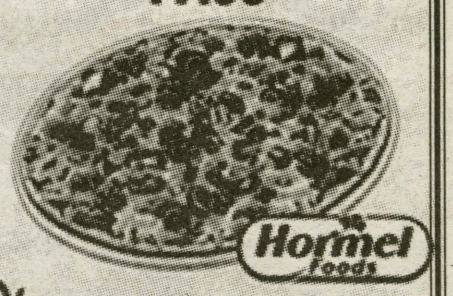

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Science & Technology

HEAG sponsors Green Week awareness events

by Rebecca Grusky '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Several members of the Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG), including the three co-presidents, organized a week-long event to raise environmental awareness on campus: Green Week. Green Week began on Earth Day, April 22, and will last until Friday, April 29, which is Arbor Day.

The group of students who organized the event include Taylor Burt '08, Lara Cueni '08, Alec Denton '07, Laura Hartz '07, John Frazier '06, Leanne Pasquini '07, Annika Savio '07 and Luke Thornblade '07.

Some of the key environmental issues that the group intended to expose to the Hamilton community during Green Week are the avoidable amount of waste on campus, the excessive use of paper cups in the dining halls and our daily water usage.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNIKA SAVIO '07

HEAG sold t-shirts and mugs in Beineke all week, and the profits will be used to fund more campus events.

"[The goal of Green Week is to] make people think about some of these issues," says Frazier.

The Green Week crew has been selling t-shirts with slogans such as "Earth Day is Everyday" and "Treehugger." A new t-shirt with a graphic designed by Craig Moores '05 as well as their usual HEAG mugs have also been on sale in Beineke this week. All profits go to HEAG to help fund more on-campus events.

There has been a different activity or event each day of Green Week. One of the most successful was the kick-off event the night of Earth Day, the Camp-out and Concert at the pavilion, organized by Pasquini. The bands included the Zeaskeez, the Hamilton College Jazz Combo and Jicks. Turnout was strong, with approximately 60 people showing up despite the inclement weather that night.

A lecture by Chuck Brumley, a guide from the Adirondack State Park, was held on Monday April 25, and was organized by Cueni. Brumley discussed the preservation of the park and the history of Adirondack guiding and guide boats.

Trash Mountain, organized by Savio, was the most obvious exhibit all week: garbage bags filled to the brim were dumped in the middle of Martin's Way.

The Green Week coordinators felt it was important for Hamilton students, faculty and staff to have a visual display of the waste we accumulate at Hamilton. According to HEAG members, we produce approximately 60 tons of garbage each month at Hamilton.

Trash Mountain was a joint effort between HEAG's Green Week crew, Physical Plant and the Recycling Task Force, an internship program for Hamilton students run by Physical Plant.

Thornblade organized a successful clean-up of the Rogers Glen with Professor of Geology Todd Rayne on Saturday. Approximately ten volunteers participated in the event, and they filled nearly nine garbage bags.

Thursday's Green Week event was stargazing in Hamilton's observatory with a discussion by Physics major Sarah Griffith '06. However, this event was cancelled due to the rain.

The observatory, which is located behind Minor Field on Peters Lane, was created with the help of a generous gift from Elihu Root III, '36. A 111/4 Maksutov telescope and several smaller telescopes are in use at the observatory.

Although Green Week provides only limited exposure to critical environmental issues, HEAG is a passionate and active campus group devoted to protecting the environment year-round.

HEAG has initiated some truly exceptional projects on campus this year. For one, members of HEAG are working to reinstitute Hamilton's composting program to salvage food remains in the dining halls.

HEAG also recently purchased 25 light switches with motion sensors as an experiment to reduce electricity usage on campus. Their hope is that Hamilton personnel will realize the benefits of these motion sensors and will agree to install more around campus despite the cost.

HEAG is working closely with Bon Appetit to decrease paper cup usage in the dining halls. On Wednesday, they removed all paper cups from McEwen to raise awareness about the significant amount of waste caused by the disposal of paper cups alone. HEAG recommends bringing a reusable mug to meals.

Frazier claims that many people justify their weak environmental efforts with the assumption that other people don't recycle either; however, he wishes that people would take a few minutes each day to think about how much waste they produce individually in a year.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNIKA SAVIO '07

The Zeaskeez performed at the Green Week kickoff event in the pavilion. The event was attended by about 60 people despite bad weather.

Although incentives are often necessary to bring about any significant changes in recycling efforts, Frazier believes that people should ultimately be convinced without incentives once they learn how they affect the environment on a daily basis.

HEAG is strongly involved with the Recyclemania challenge through the Physical Plant. Recyclemania turned out to be quite a success, spurring a 6% increase in recycling. Hamilton now recycles 27% of its total waste stream.

HEAG members firmly believe that every person on this campus can make a considerable contribution to Recyclemania with just a minimum effort.

Hartz believes that a lot of people making small changes in what appear to be insignificant activities will make an enormous difference. For example, leaving the water running while brushing your teeth wastes an average of two gallons of water each time.

Taking a few minutes to read about Hamilton's recycling system (usually posted on the wall above all garbage cans) may alleviate some of the typical recycling frustrations, such as not knowing whether to put a bottle in the five cent deposit bin or the container bin.

Here are a few tips: almost any container can go in the container bin, including those that may also be used for a five cent deposit; so, when in doubt, put bottles and plastics in the container bin. Check on the side or the bottom of containers for a number 1 through 6 (put these in the container bin), or a five cent deposit sign. Common items that end up as waste include yogurt containers, plastic cups from Café Opus and laundry detergent bottles, all of which may be put in the container bin. Lastly, be careful not to throw waste in the recycling bins or else the whole bin will be considered contaminated and thrown out.

On average, Americans recycle about one-third of their waste stream.

"If you're conscious when you're consuming, and if you're conscious when you're disposing, your recycling rate can be 100%," said Frazier.

The co-presidents of HEAG extend an open invitation to anyone on campus to join the group. Senior Aletha Asay has been very involved in campus organizations all four years, but finally discovered HEAG only this past year.

"[HEAG] is one of the most motivating groups I've had the pleasure of participating in," she says.

Meetings are on Mondays at 9 p.m. on the top floor of the Little Pub. For more information, e-mail heag@hamilton.edu.

Some Useful Facts:

~ Hamilton used 2.5 million sheets of paper in 2004. ~

~ During Recyclemania (January 30 - April 9), our recycling rate increased by approximately 6%, from 21.06% to 27.91%. ~

~ In 1991, our recycling rate was only 6.48%. ~

~ The national average recycling rate is about 30%, which is higher than Hamilton's. ~

~ The campus uses 34,000 paper cups every week, through Bon Appetit alone. ~

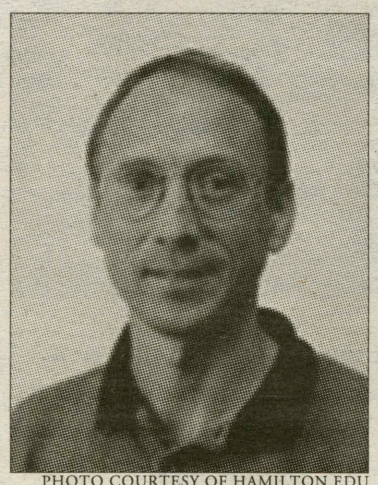
~ From January to March 2005, Hamilton produced an average of 60 tons of garbage each month. ~

~ In March, 2005, Hamilton's dining halls produced 26 tons of trash. ~

Shields receives grant from NSF

by Larua Trubiano '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Winslow Professor of Chemistry George Shields has received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for research aimed at the accurate prediction of the acid dissociation constants of small peptides. The grant,



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Winslow Professor of Chemistry George Shields will be leading a research team for the next three years to study acid dissociation constants of small peptides. This grant, provided by the National Science Foundation, may help fight cocaine addictions.

which brings $210,000 over the next three years, will support Shields's ongoing research with Hamilton students.

This project has been in the making for several years. Shields first became interested in a project aimed at developing drugs to fight cocaine addiction ten years ago while he was at Lake Forest University.

When he came to Hamilton in '99, Shields worked with Anne Marie Toth '02 in collaboration with a colleague at Columbia Medical School on the project. They focused on creating model molecules to help on the cocaine project when the question of predicting the acid dissociation constants came up.

Accurate calculation of the protonation states of these molecules-- small peptides-- is essential in the design of possible drugs.

Since that summer Shields has worked closely with several Hamilton students on this project. Their goal is to find a theoretical calculation that will accurately predict the dissociation constant within half of a pKa unit.

Shields submitted a grant proposal to the NSF in 2003 and was turned down. The process of submitting a proposal is extremely competitive. All proposals are peer-reviewed and need to explain not only the science and why it is important but what you will do if there are problems.

The new proposal was written with the help of Professor Karl Kirschner, Visiting Professor of Chemistry and a former student of Shields. The revised proposal combined Kirschner's area of study, molecular dynamics, and Shields's expertise, quantum calculations.

The molecular dynamics can provide an ensemble of possible conformations of the peptides, and having a correct conformation will allow for more accurate calculations. The combination of molecular dynamics and quantum calculations clearly made the difference, because this proposal was accepted in a very difficult year, as the NSF saw a 50% increase in applications and a reduction in funds to be given out in grants.

Shields and Kirschner will be working with twenty students this summer. As with many of the research opportunities here at Hamilton, this is an opportunity most undergraduates at other schools do not receive.

Mary Beth Day '07 has worked on this project. "The research opportunities available for students here are quite impressive. Receiving financial support and recognition from the NSF is definitely a testament to the quality of the science program here. My research experience has been extremely helpful in defining my educational and career goals," said Day.

Energy Policy Act of 2005 passed in House by 66 votes

by Caitlin Rochford '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

The House of Representatitves passed the Energy Policy Act, a bill that will open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), and will provide tax breaks to energy industries, such as oil, natural gas and coal. This bill, which passed by the House on Thursday, April 21, 2005, is currently stalled in the Senate.

The bill, which was passed by a 249-183 vote, was met with much resistance by House Demo crats, who worried that it would both raise oil and gas prices, and would not help solve the oil dependency problem in the United States, according to CNN.com.

Representative Edward Markey (D-MA) said, "We cannot afford to continue to pursue such a failed energy policy. If we fail to reduce our dependence on OPEC oil, we remain beholden to events in dangerous unstable parts of the world... If we fail to reduce the cost of energy, businesses will suffer, farms will fail and families find it more difficult to make ends meet."

Markey, a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, supports the Democrats' energy policy that would favor a "technologically advanced and renewable energy future."

"We win when we invest in renewable technologies such as solar and wind energy," Markey said.

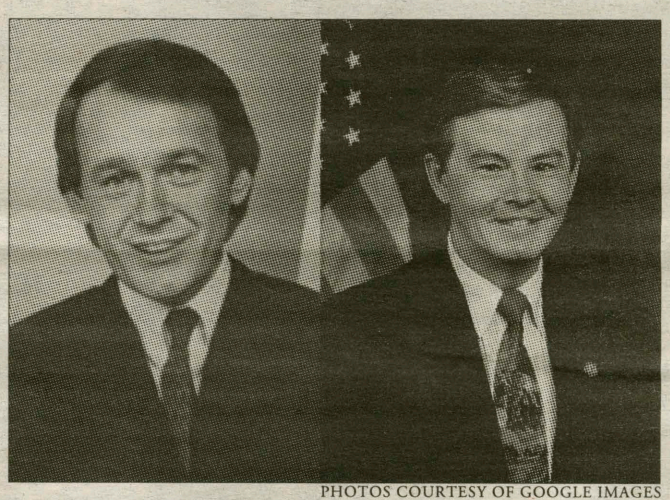
Opponents of the Energy Policy Act say that the bill, which coincides with President Bush's environmental priorities, will damage the environment. The bill provides energy companies with legal protection against liability from water contaminated with the gasoline additive, MTBE.

Representative Joe Barton (R-TX), the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee said that the bill is "a big vote for America's energy future," according to the committee's press release.

"Make no mistake," Barton said. "This is a bipartisan bill. A third of the Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats backed the bill at our markup last week, with four representatives becoming new supporters."

According to the committee, this bill as been considered in the House and the committees for more than 210 hours of markup and floor debate since 2001, not including the 72 hours of House-Senate conference committee meetings. In the House there were 80 hearings, 16 markups and over 400 amendments.

"I agree with our President," Barton said. "Four years is long enough for an energy bill. Today's passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 will turn the tide and offer relief to both our economy and our national security. This is a bill about jobs, growth and opportunity."



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Rep. Edward Markey (left) criticized the recently passed Energy Policy Act of 2005, saying that it would not cure the United States's energy problems, but would actually make them worse. Rep. Joe Barton (right) praised the new energy bill, calling it, "a big vote for America's energy future."

The committee said that among the benefits of the bill, it "addresses rising gasoline prices." By providing incentives to domestic oil companies, the bill will encourage more domestic production, thereby lowering the price of oil.

In addition, the committee said that the bill wil decrease the demand for oil, by encouraging an increase of hydrogen fueled vehicles. The bill will provide $200 million for the "Clean Cities Program," which gives money to local and state governments for the purchase of alternative-fueled vehicles.

The bill will also reduce the United States's dependency on foreign oil, according to the committee. It will accomplish this by increasing oil drilling and exploration and by "authorizing expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve's capacity to one billion barrels."

If passed in the Senate and signed by the president, the Energy Policy Act will create standards for the energy grid, which will "[improve] our nation's electricity transmission capacity and reliability to stop future blackouts," according to the committee.

Other aspects of the bill, according to the committee, are: promotion of clean and renewable energies, increase energy conservation, reduce energy consumption by extending daylight savings time by two months, increase production of liquefied natural gas (LNG), amd encourage more nuclear and hydropower energy production.

As the bill meets resistance in the Senate, Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said, "I hope the Senate can follow the good example of Chairman Barton and his colleagues and get a bill out of the Congress and to the President this summer, before August recess."

Induced hypothermia may help stroke patients

by Lindsay Rubenstein '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Intense cold has been found to preserve brain cells in individuals who have been deprived of oxygen. This method of slowing the process of cell death is currently used by some health care professionals in stroke patients, according to CNN.com.

The application of ice to trauma patients has also been used as a technique of slowing blood loss from severe wounds.

Although these methods seem basic, they are, in actuality, difficult to perform. It is not as easy as it sounds to induce a state of hypothermia in patients when their bodies are striving to maintain a naturally balanced temperature.

Recently researchers have been studying the effects of hibernation on rats. Rats that have been placed in an artificially induced state of hibernation have shown drastic decreases in body temperature, studies show.

Not only were body temperatures almost cut in half, but respiratory systems were slowed and metabolic rates plummeted. This decrease in body functions resulted in a lesser demand for oxygen in hibernating rats.

This artificial state of hibernation was induced through administering hydrogen sulfide gas to experimental rats. This gas, which is used by the body naturally to control temperature, has not shown any adverse effects in tested rats. Therefore, researchers are looking to the gas as a possible future treatment option for humans.

Mark Roth, the researcher in charge of the experiments stated, "We wonder whether we've stumbled on a way to access this quiescent state in a way that could be beneficial for medicine," according to CNN.com.

The gas could possibly be used not only in the direct treatment of patients, but also in the transport of live organs. There is still more work to be done before this technique can be implemented, however.

The next step is to test hydrogen sulfide induced hibernation in other animals. Despite the high success rate of this procedure in rats, it may not be effective or safe in larger animals and humans. For example, the low doses of hydrogen sulfide used may not be sufficient in larger animals, and the doses needed might be toxic.

Clearly more research on this procedure is necessary, but as Dr. Samuel A. Tisherman of the University of Pittsburgh best stated, "It's got great potential."

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Men's lacrosse team falls 14-12 to Union College

Heartbreaking loss forces Continentals out of playoff contention despite 10-4 overall record

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

Marc Albu uses his patent plunger move against his opponent at the faceoff X. His presence was felt this season despite his freshman status.

by Nick Rockwell '08
SPORTS WRITER

The men's lacrosse team capped off a disappointing season, losing its last two games to league rivals Skidmore and Union. With the shocking 14-12 loss to Union, the team will not qualify for the post-season, thus putting this year to rest a little too soon. The overall record of 10-4 is phenomenal but the team was 2-4 in the Liberty League, which is the deciding factor for post-season play. The senior players, most notably Jim Henry '05, will be sorely missed.

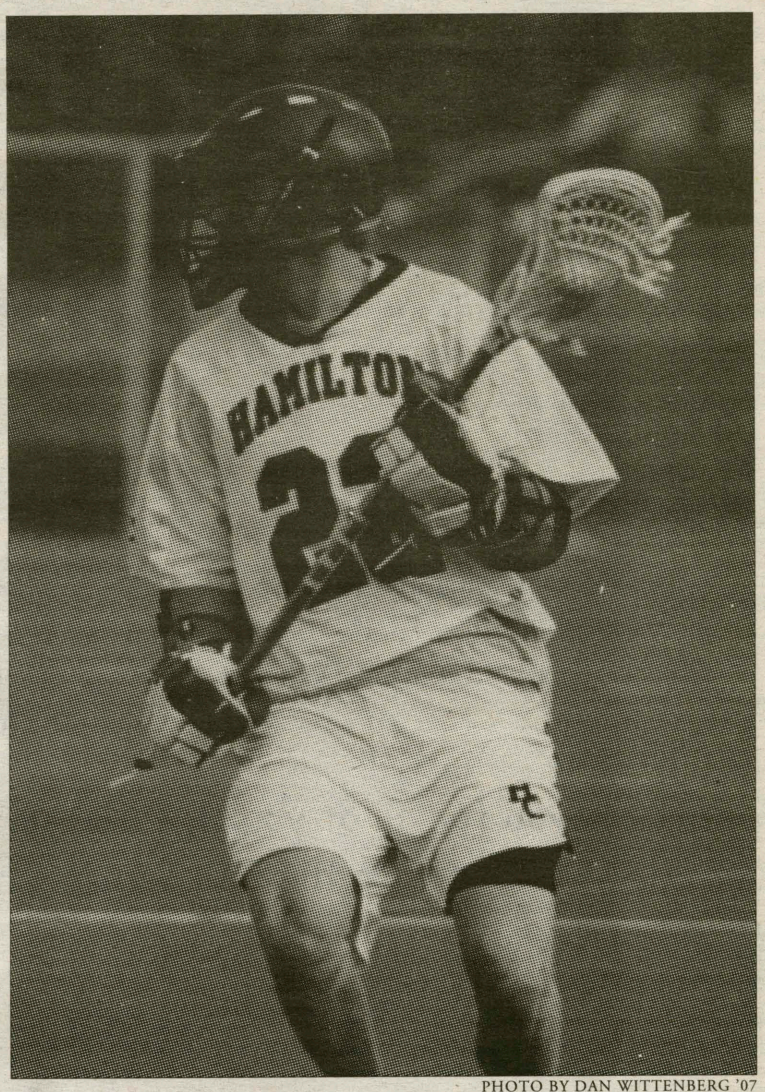
The highly anticipated showdown with Liberty League leader Skidmore last Saturday proved to be anticlimactic. The Thoroughbreds made a statement by dominating a very talented Hamilton team here in Clinton, with the final score being 12-3.

Skidmore jumped out to an early 4-0 lead but the resilient Continentals fought back, scoring the next two goals. Freshman long-stick midfielder Anthony Tracy '08 caught the Thoroughbred goalie off guard when he fired a long range snipe to get Ham-Tech on the board. Eric Luoma '06 followed with his second tally of the season, cutting the deficit to two. However that was as close as Hamilton would get as Skidmore reeled off six unanswered goals, putting the game well out of reach.

Skidmore's Brendan Bellefeuille '05 was overpowering, finishing with five goals and two helpers. Hamilton freshman standout Marc Albu '08 commented that "Skidmore played great team defense. We just couldn't shoot, from the score it's pretty clear that the offense wasn't really clicking."

Although the Skidmore game was certainly discouraging, the team could still clinch a playoff berth with a win over a weaker Union team on Wednesday April 27th. The game started off well with Hamilton leading 3-1 after the first quarter. The majority of scoring came in three or four goal bunches for each team as play remained close for the remainder of the game. Jack Newton '06 tied the contest with just over five minutes remaining. The Dutchmen responded and took the lead for good with just over two minutes to play. The Union defense hounded senior co-captain and leading scorer Jim Henry '05 all game, which presented opportunities for other players. For example, Newton refused to be denied all game, peppering the Union goalie with ten shots but only two tallies to show for it. George Earle '05 finished his career with a solid game, registering two goals, an assist, and winning seven out of twelve face-offs.

After winning their first seven games, the Continentals definitely thought they would be major factor in the playoffs. However, once they hit the league schedule and returned from their Florida trip, the team grew cold with the weather and lost four of its last seven. Seniors Henry, Earle, Scott Cohen '05, Geroge Spilios '05, Matt Innes '05, Blake Keogh '05, and Sean Carrigan '05 will be missed next year. Henry caps off his remarkable college lacrosse career by standing third all time at Hamilton in points, goals, and assists. The team returns stellar players at each position, such as: Newton, Clark Winter '07, Mike Daley '07, Nate Harris '07, Travic Modic '07, Albu, and goalkeeper Ethan Shoemaker '07. The team should be commended for their hard work and exciting play this year but team members will carry this sour finish in their mouths until next March, when men's lacrosse resumes on the Hill.



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James "One Shoe" Williams carries the ball for the Continentals in their game against Skidmore.

Women's lacrosse makes playoffs

Continentals will face #1 Union next weekend to fight for the title of the Liberty League conference champs

by Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's lacrosse team was ready for an intense week of play beginning on April 22. "I'd expect Union and Skidmore to be two very competitive games," said Suzy Belmont '07. "We've got some unsettled business with Union, and I know we'll come out really strong against them. It should be an exciting weekend."

The week did not hold the victories the team desired, despite the enthusiasm, excitement, and hard work of the players.

Nineteenth-ranked Union College upset Hamilton on Friday, April 22. Union took the lead 19 seconds into the game and widened the gap to two with 18:04 left in the first half. Inga Stots '07 was the first Continental to score, but another Union goal sent the teams into halftime with a 3-1 Union lead.

Hamilton was able to tie the game at the start of the second quarter after goals by Jen McGowan '08 and Stots. For the remaining 28:55 minutes of play, Union edged Hamilton only to have a Continental goal tie the game up again.

McGowan and Liz Longley '07 scored during the second half, but it was not enough for a victory, and with two seconds left, Union solidified the win with a goal. Union clinched the regular season Liberty League title with the victory.

The women's lacrosse team lost a close game the next day to Skidmore. The Continentals and the Thoroughbreds were tied 3-3 going into halftime after goals by Belmont, Christina Trabandt '05, and Longley.

Belmont scored the first goal of the second half to give Hamilton the lead, but Skidmore's Lizzy Dickson scored two quick goals (her second and third of the game) to regain the lead. McGowan, Belmont, and Stots recorded goals, but it wasn't enough to top Skidmore, and the team lost 8-7.

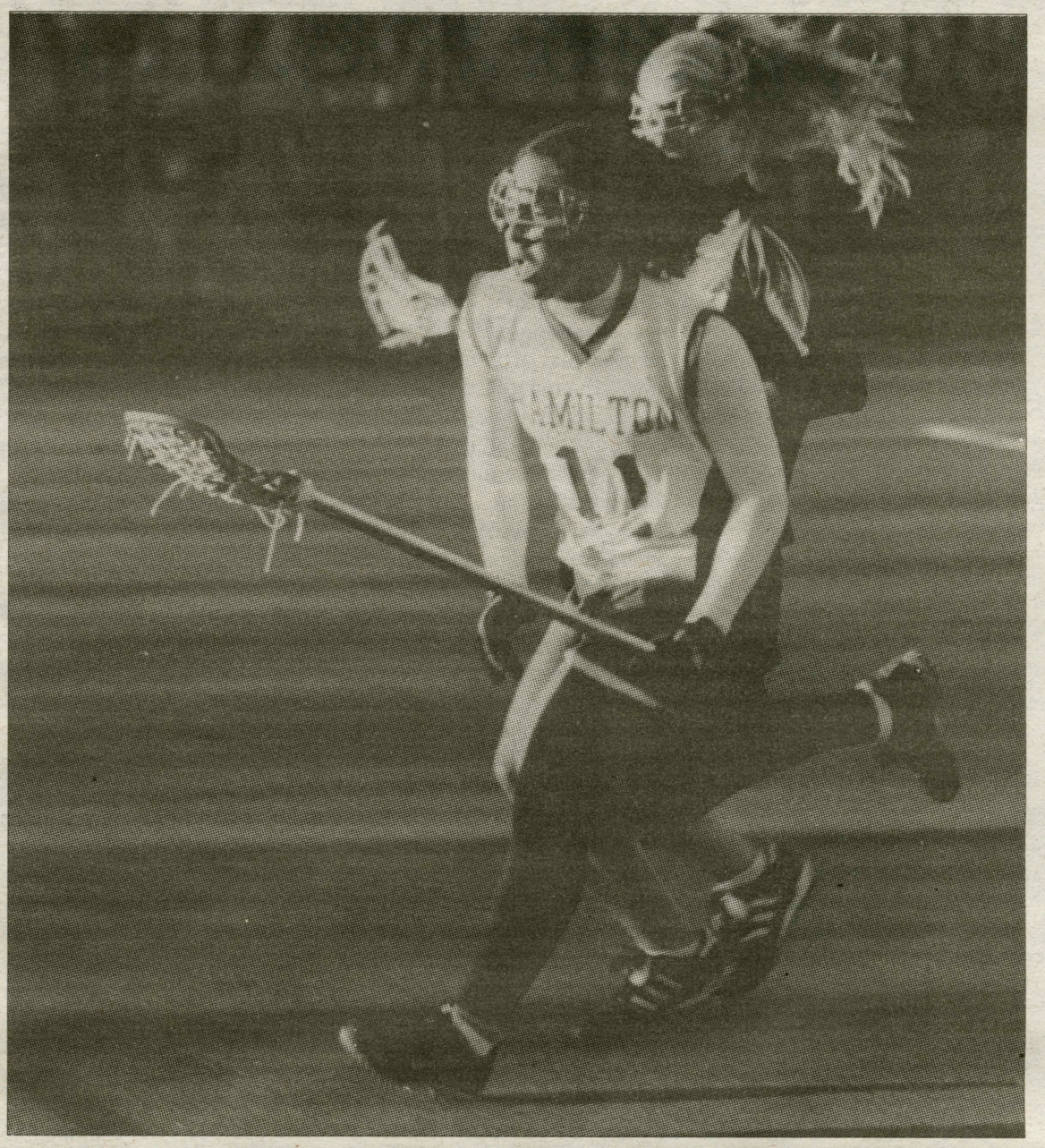
"As a team, we take every game in stride and go out onto the field playing our game."
— Suzy Belmont '07

On Tuesday, the Continentals fell to Ithaca College in a non-league game. Ithaca took an early 4-0 lead before Longley scored off an assist from Nikki Barrett '08. Stots, McGowan, and Meaghan Carrigan '07 had goals in the first half, but Hamilton trailed 5-4 at halftime.

Ithaca came out strong again at the start of the half and scored three, followed by goals by Barrett, Belmont, and Caitlin Jacobs '07. Belmont went on to score once more in the second half before the game ended 11-8 in favor of the Bombers.

Despite the three losses this week, the Continentals earned a bid to the playoffs. Hamilton is the fourth seed heading into the league tournament on Saturday, May 7 versus first-seed Union. The tournament will be held at traditional rival Union College, in Schenectady, NY.

The team is busy preparing for this crucial game. "Coach always takes into account the teams we're playing against in order to prepare us for certain plays or defense that the other team might have," said Belmont. "As a team, we take every game in stride and go out onto the field playing our game."



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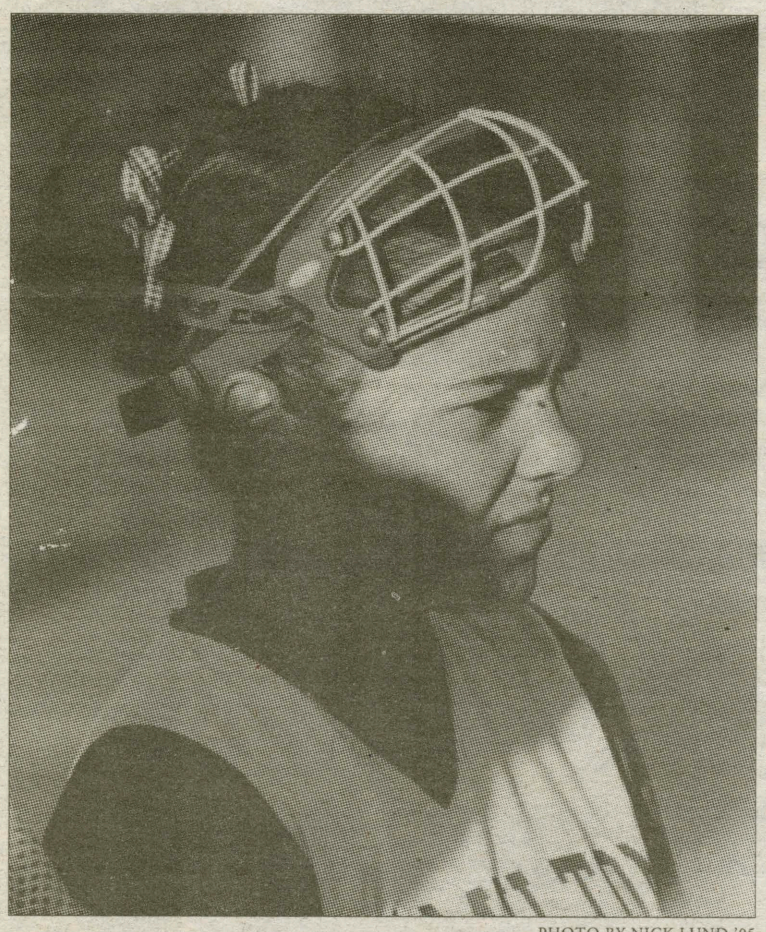
Nicole Tetreault (above) has been phenomenal in her first year for the women's lacrosse team. She currently ranks third on the team in points with 29 on the year and has created a dynamic combination with the team's leading scorer, Inga Stots. Tetreault also helped the women's soccer team to their best season ever this past fall, reflecting her outstanding overall athleticism. The team will match up against Union College this weekend in the Liberty League semi-finals.



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Amanda Keogh watches from the sideline during practice as the Continentals prepare for the Liberty League playoffs. Keogh, who's brother Blake captains the men's lacrosse team, has helped the Continental women to a 9-6 overall record.

Statistics for the Regular Season

			SHOTS					GOALS					
##	Name	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	GW	FPG-FPS	GB	DC	T/O	CT	Fouls
22	Inga Stots	15-15	40	9	49	76	.526	2	12-21	29	31	33	13	20
5	Suzy Belmont	15-13	22	9	31	64	.344	3	6-17	25	4	16	6	17
11	Nicole Tetreault	10-9	25	4	29	51	.490	2	7-17	20	8	12	13	3
3	Jen McGowan	15-9	16	2	18	34	.471	1	5-9	25	16	15	10	12
19	Nicole Barrett	13-6	14	4	18	39	.359	1	5-10	25	16	27	14	15
21	Liz Longley	10-7	11	5	16	36	.306	0	5-14	4	1	18	4	10
16	Britten Chase	15-15	11	3	14	31	.355	0	2-8	19	1	19	4	6
7	Caitlin Jacobs	13-13	7	5	12	29	.241	0	2-6	55	17	18	17	28
15	Meaghan Carrigan	15-12	6	5	11	20	.300	0	1-4	33	11	15	9	14
10	Christina Trabandt	15-15	5	0	5	24	.208	0	1-4	29	8	21	17	13
26	Rose Deng	10-2	2	1	3	11	.182	0	0-6	4	3	10	2	7
20	Meggie Morrissey	13-7	2	0	2	6	.333	0	0-2	16	3	14	7	10
13	Tara Eckberg	15-15	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0-0	34	2	12	14	15
23	Beth Starker	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	1	1	5
18	Danielle Levine	1-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Liz Pinnie	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Katie White	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
6	Amanda Hollis	15-14	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	34	8	6	14	28
4	Amanda Keogh	12-9	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	11	1	6	9	10
1	Dee Forshay	11-3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	5	0	5	4	8
00	Kalley Greer	11-8	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	19	0	5	2	1
00	Hilary Gamble	8-7	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0	12	0	3	3	0
	Total	15	161	47	208	422	.382	9	46-118	399	130	256	164	223
	Opponents	15	123	34	157	327	.376	6	22-47	339	126	231	124	198

			GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		RECORD			Shots
##	Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Faced
00	Hilary Gamble	8-7	360:00	46	7.67	42	.477	6	2	0	94
00	Kalley Greer	11-8	554:11	77	8.34	87	.530	3	4	0	164
	Total	15	914:11	123	8.07	129	.512	9	6	0	258
	Opponents	15	914:11	161	10.57	149	.481	6	8	0	344

Marvin is the man to draft

UNC's Marvin Williams has the skills and heart to make him the top NBA pick

by Michael Proia '05
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Memo to any and all NBA executives preparing for the 2005 draft: UNC forward Marvin Williams is the best player you can possibly take, so if you have the first pick, take him!

Depending on what you've read about college players who will be drafted, and who the writer talked to about it, you've probably seen one name more than any other as the probable number one pick, and that is Utah's big man Andrew Bogut. Another name floating around is Chris Paul, the point guard out of Wake Forest.

What do these two players have in common with Marvin Williams? Absolutely nothing!

I'll admit that Bogut's size is enough reason to consider him as the number one pick. But consider this about the 7-foot Aussie: in two years at Utah, he had 109 blocks in 68 career games. Duke's center Shelden Williams blocked 122 shots last year alone despite being three inches shorter than Bogut and playing in a conference with low post competition like Sean May of UNC. Bogut is, in a word, soft. He has the talent to score against NBA centers, but he will never be more than a bad defensive player at the next level. And don't tell me he is a great rebounder because if you don't try to block shots its easy to rebound. Emeka Okefor was able to block shots and rebound. So does Shelden Williams. So why is it so hard for Bogut?

Then there is Chris Paul, who may only be the third best college point guard in this draft behind Illinois' Deron Williams and UNC's Raymond Felton. At best, Paul steps onto the floor at 6-feet, and that's being generous. He is too small to handle the physical play of point guards like Gary Payton, Jason Kidd or Chauncey Billups. Remember hearing that about TJ Ford? Yeah, guys like this end up on the injured list in a hurry in the NBA once they try to drive the lane. Beyond that, if Paul is really that good shouldn't he have at least been on the radar screen when it came to ACC Player of the Year voting?

Paul's natural ability is unquestionable, but his leadership skills are very much an issue. During his last season in high school, just two years ago, Paul played a game a few days after his grandfather had been murdered. Paul dedicated the next game to his memory and went out and scored 61 points, his grandfather's age. A touching moment, no doubt, but the last point came on the first one two free throws. He intentionally air-balled the second shot, and walked off the floor declaring his night over. His team was well ahead, and he was still young, but what kind of statement was he making? My family and my name are more important than what's best for the team. I don't want to vilify him for this, but his decision-making is questionable, both on and off the floor.

Then there is Marvin Williams, the 6'9" forward who can play the three or the four in the NBA, and even run the point forward spot if his offense is built around the high post. He played poorly on the biggest stage, the Final Four, but he has more to offer any team than Paul or Bogut. The word "potential" is thrown around too often now with regard to the NBA Draft. With Williams, this word is meaningless. He is capable of being a starter for almost every playoff team right now, so forget potential and think results.

The one question I have been asked most in my defense of Williams is that if he is so good, how did he not even start for UNC this season. My response is: who cares?

Corey Maggette never started for Duke, left after his freshman year, and now averages 20 points per game for the Clippers. Even as a rookie he averaged eight points per game in only seventeen minutes of play. The starting lineup is something for coaches to assemble to play the first couple minutes of a game, and in college usually coaches go with experience over explosiveness. Its not who starts that matters, its who finishes. And Marvin was always going to be on the floor when the games were decided. For example, he scored the winning basket in the final regular season game by getting an offensive rebound and outback against Duke.

Williams has everything NBA coaches and GM's should dream about, from his shot, to his size, to his handle and intelligence. So again I ask NBA GMs a favor, please please please don't draft on potential just for the sake of keeping the motif going. Take the player who can help your team the most. Take Marvin Williams. And remember, this is coming from a sworn tar heel hating Duke fan.

Track invitational

by Chris Schimpf '07
SPORTS WRITER

At Hamilton's annual track and field invitational held at Walter H. Pritchard Track this past weekend, both the men's and women's teams had exceptional performances.

Steve Butterhof '05 continued his stellar outdoor track season by winning the shot put while meeting the provisional qualifying distance for the NCAA Championships. This is an outstanding achievement for Butterhof, who has been working for this moment over the last four years. In addition, Jessica DeMichiel '08 broke the school record in the women's pole vault that was previously held by fellow rookie Amanda Salisburg '08, by jumping 2.90 meters. As freshmen, Salisburg and DeMichiel should prove to be a very formidable vaulting tandem in the coming years, as many of the underclass Continentals are having great springs, which bodes well for the future of the track and field program.

"Running isn't a punishment; it's a way of life."
— Moses Berkowitz '06, track & field enthusiast

The men's team won four events last weekend, as Brad Vollkommer '08 and two relays took first in addition to Butterhof. The 400-meter relay, consisting of Jay Russell '06, Rich Schwam '06, Olamide Harrison '05, and Claudius Zorokong '08, blew past the competition with a combination of speed and style, finishing in 42.78 seconds. The 1,600-meter relay was dominant, as Schwam, Jesse Gaylord '06, Chris Dunn '05, and Joseph Patrick Henry Suillivan '07 rolled in with a time of 3:27.43. There were several extremely tight races, which the Conts unfortunately came out on the short side of, which heightened the drama this past weekend. Russel and Zorokong finished second and third in the 100-meter dash, as Zorokong only finished a half of a second behind the first place finisher. Also, Dunn and Allan Guiney '08 finished in the top five, where the margin of victory was only a second.

On the women's side, the 1,600-meter relay team finished with a time of 4:15.30, which placed them second, less than one second behind the winners. Once again, the awesome trio of triple jumpers consisting of Adrienne Isaac '05, Jen Orbaker '07, and Lauren Steates '07 all performed well, finishing in the top seven. Other notable performances included Orbaker's second place finish in the long jump, Rachel Bennek '07 placed fourth in the 800-meter run, and Schmid finished fifth in the 100-meter dash. All in all, the track and field teams performed well and are looking forward to finishing the season off on a high note.

Students around campus are also showing their enthusiasm for the team, as Moses Berkowitz '06 wants the campus to know that, "Running isn't a punishment; it's a way of life." Mo went on to say that he is looking forward to this coming weekend because he is, "oozing with excitement any time Hamilton gets to take on NESCAC opponents. I really hope we go up there and run, throw, jump, and fly farther than the rest of the Bush league teams in the NESCAC." From Mo and the rest of the campus, good luck Conts.

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Phoenix @ Memphis	Suns	Suns	Suns	Suns	Grizzlies
Seattle @ Sacramento	Sonics	Sonics	Sonics	Sonics	Sonics
Chicago @ Washington	Wizards	Bulls	Bulls	Wizards	Bulls
Dallas @ Houston	Rockets	Rockets	Mavericks	Mavericks	Rockets
Boston @ Indiana	Celtics	Celtics	Celtics	Pacers	Celtics
San Antonio @ Denver	Spurs	Spurs	Nuggets	Spurs	Nuggets
MLB					
Boston @ Indiana	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox	Rangers	Red Sox
Toronto @ NYY	Yankees	Evil Empire	Yankees	Yankees	Blue Jays
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Softball struggles, looks to Wesleyan

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

The Softball team hopes to pick up its third win of the season in its matchup against Wesleyan.

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Lindsay Eaton has held the team together this season with her pitching and her senior leadership. Her inning total of 106.2 is undeniably incredible, and her determination on the mound has been a critical factor in the Continentals' season.

by Sara Bryant '08
SPORTS CONTRIBUTER

As their season comes to an end, the women's softball team prepares to close with a bang.

Last week the Continentals took on Union in a tough away game. So far this season, the women have been playing short-sided, with only one pitcher, Lindsay Eaton, and only one substitute. Lindsay is currently suffering from back problems, but manages to play through because she knows how important her participation is to the team.

Junior third baseman Colby Bishop '06 says that the score in last week's game against Union does not properly reflect the game, an 8-0 win for Union.

Freshman Jen Sadowsky '08 asserts that the Continentals played very competitively until the sixth inning. The team is looking forward: "We are getting our bats ready for Saturday for abig game against Wesleyan," said Bishop.

The softball team is very dedicated but has little depth. There are currently only ten girls playing for the team. Having only one substitute makes it that much more difficult for the team, but they have pulled through, regardless.

Two weeks ago, when the team lost their catcher to an injury, freshman soccer standout Caitlin McGilley '08 stepped up and joined the team. Caitlin plays centerfield and is an outstanding hitter as well. "She's been doing a spectacular job and her 'bat' is great to have in lineup," says Bishop.

Saturday the team will be playing their final home game. This game will be the team's senior game in honor of their two graduating seniors, Eaton and Erica Gomez '05. Both seniors have contributed to the team in numerous ways. For example, when the original catcher left, Gomez moved from her centerfield position to fill the vacated catcher's position. The players hope to bring home one more win for their "senior duo" when they play Wesleyan at home on Saturday.

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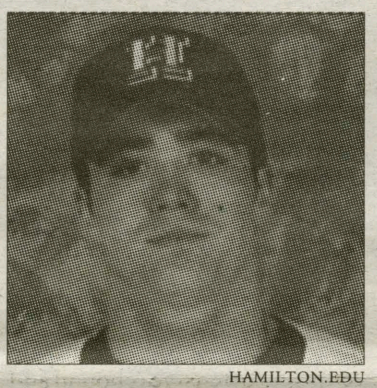

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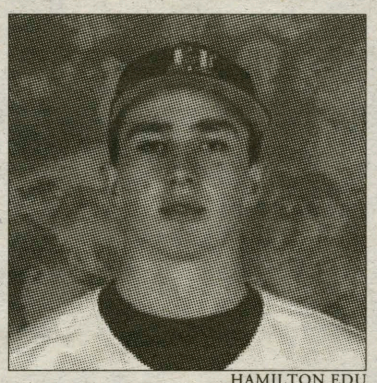

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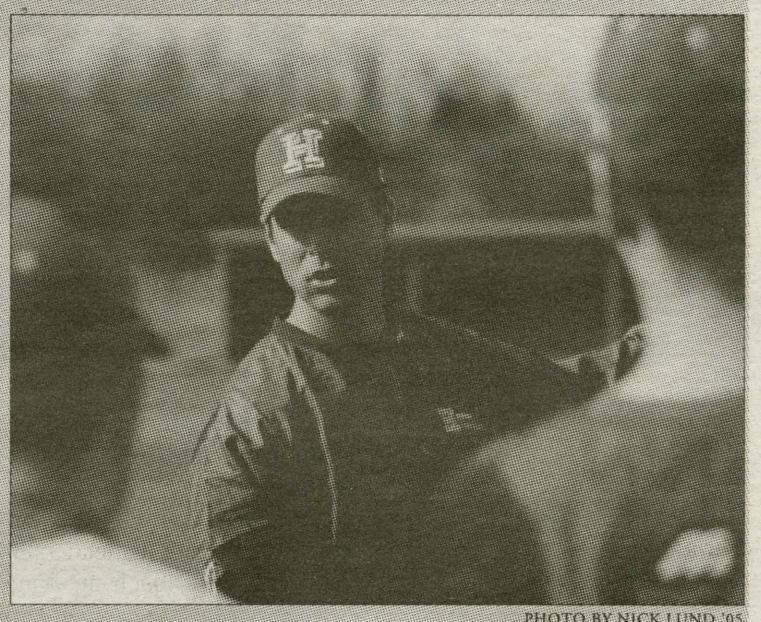
Baseball swept by Amherst College



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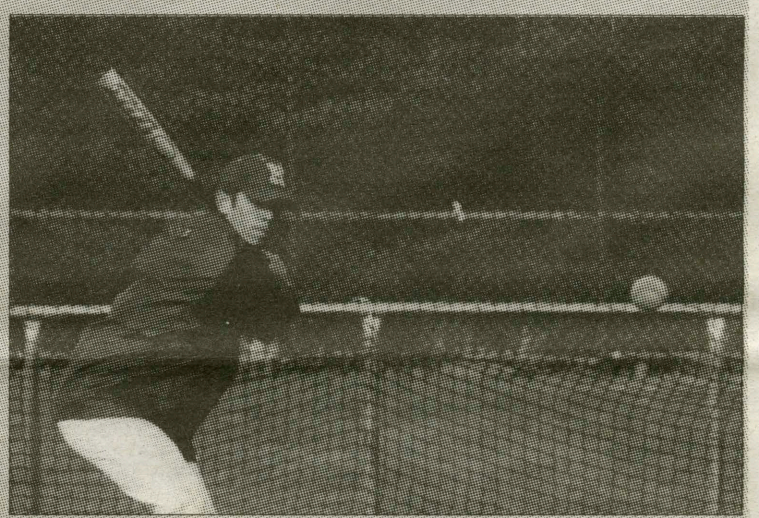
Coach John Keady has kept the Continentals' spirits high throughout the season.



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Eric Villanova looks to tee off on this pitch during batting practice last week. With the postponement of their game against SUNY Oneonta, the Continentals now travel to Wesleyan for their next matchup.

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS EDITOR

Hamilton hosted the 14-3 (4-0 in conference) Amherst Lord Jeffs in a showdown at Royce Field on April 22, but despite seven strong innings from Bryden Considine '08, came away with their seventh straight NESCAC loss.

Considine, who has pitched solidly for the Continentals all season, faced 34 batters in the outing, giving up nine hits and six runs, only five of which were earned. Chris Keen '05 struck out two in the final two innings and escaped from a bases loaded crunch with no outs in the eighth inning to keep the team in the game right up until the final out.

Unfortunately, Amherst ended up winning 7-4, as Hamilton's bats were fairly quiet throughout the contest. Timely hits by John Porges '07 and Eric Villanova '06, as well as a sacrifice fly by Brian Farnkoff '05, drove in the runs for the Continentals. Porges, Villanova, and freshmen phenoms Dan Hood '08 and Jack Maloney '08 accounted for Hamilton's four total hits in the game.

Though this loss was tough on the Continentals, they are by no means giving up as they approach the end of the season. "We have battled a lot of games tough," explained Jim Nolan '07, "and our hitting is sporadic, so we are just missing that one big hit each game that could change the outcome." Fellow sophomore Francis Pat McGarry, who is tied with Porges for the team lead in RBIs, described the team's current situation, stating, "we have five NESCAC games left, and we are really looking forward to them." He added, "we have the opportunity to be a playoff spoiler for a couple of teams, and we are trying to plant the seed for next year."

With the postponement of their game against the Red Dragons of SUNY Oneonta, the Continentals must wait until Friday when they will take on the Wesleyan University Cardinals in Middletown Connecticut. After this series of away games, the team will return home for the final four games of their season. With procrastination in regard to exam studying inevitable, this is the perfect time to come out and support Hamilton's baseball team.

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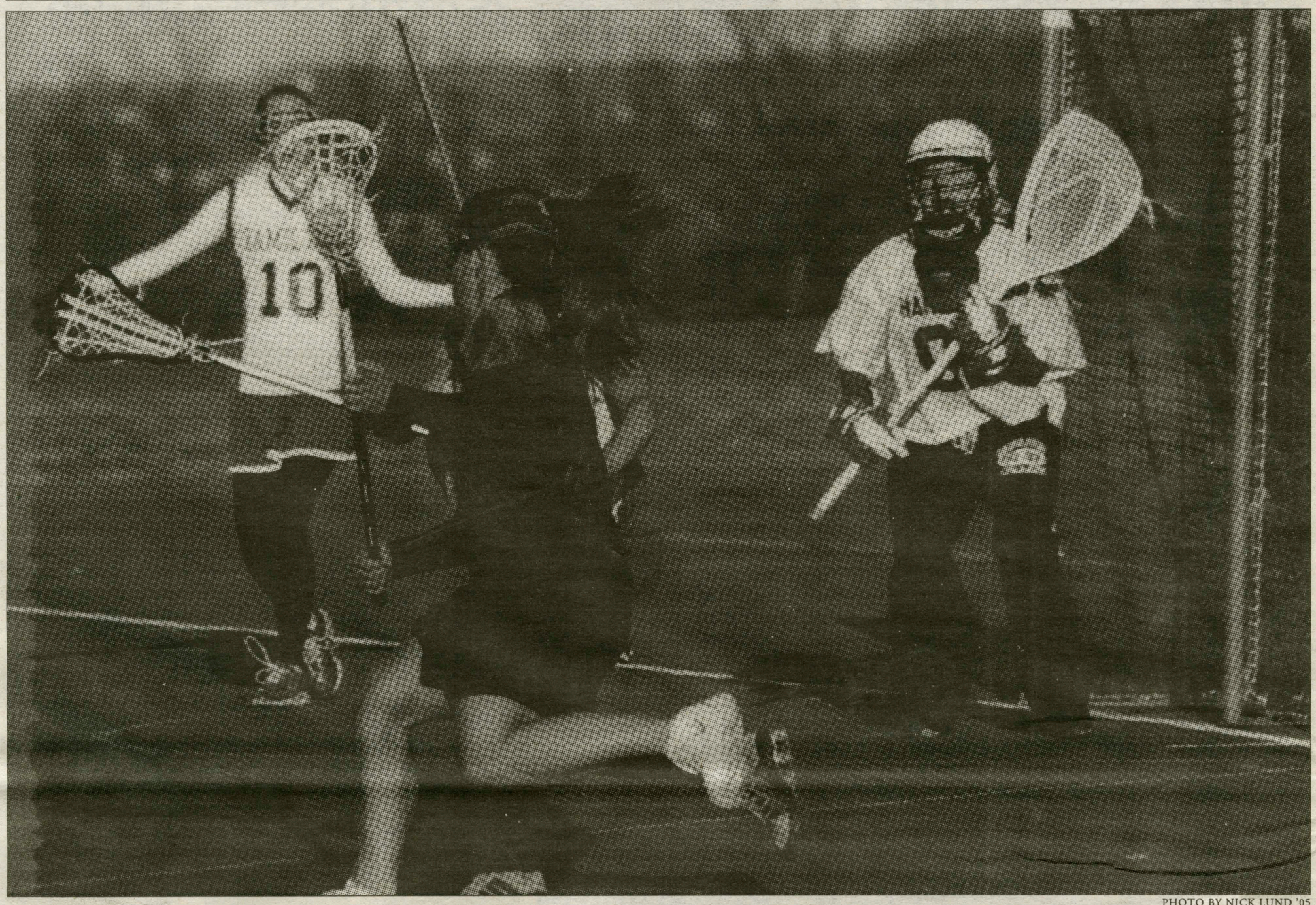

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Women's lacrosse to play Union in conference semi-finals

Women's lacrosse is on a three-game losing streak heading into the conference playoffs on Friday, May 7. Despite a week of disappointment, there were many noteable individual performances. See page 21.

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Baseball looks to Wesleyan

Hamilton's baseball team dropped another conference game against NESCAC rival Amherst College this past weekend. With their game against SUNY Oneonta postponed, the Continentals will face off against Wesleyan University in their next action, in a series that could knock the Cardinals out of the playoffs. They will finish their season with four straight home games next week at Royce Field. See page 23.

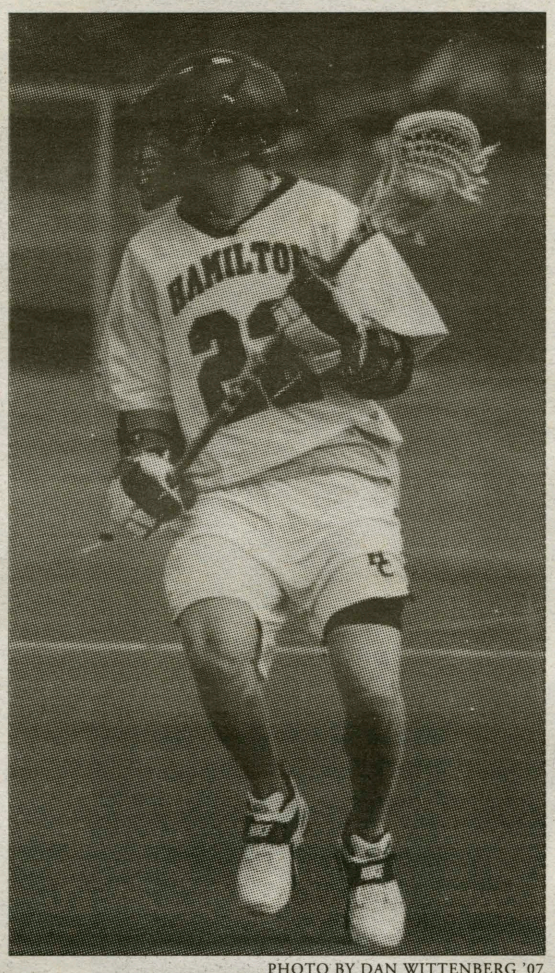

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

Lacrosse knocked out

Men's lacrosse dropped their must-win game against Union. See page 20.

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

SUNY-IT matchup postponed

Softball fell to Williams in two straight games, but kept things competitive throughout. The team also had a tough time against nationally-ranked Union College, dropping both games against the Dutchmen. The end of their grueling season, in which the team relied on pitcher Lindsay Eaton '05 to pitch all of its innings, is on the horizon as the Continentals will play the Wesleyan Cardinals this weekend. See page 23.